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Admission on Trial.—English Branches, J. D. Rigg; Scripture History and Discipline, S. J. Morris; "Men and Books" and Written Sermon, J. H. Howard; American Methodism and Catechism, J. E. Graham; Life of Wesley and U. S. History, G. T. Alderson.

First Year.—Biblical Theology and Christian Perfection, W. P. Compton; Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch and Systematic Theology, V. S. Collins; Theory of Preaching, Sermon and Essay, W. E. Avery; Outlines of Universal History, The Voice, C. T. Wyatt.

Second Year.—Biblical Theology, R. T. Coursey; Exegetical Studies in the Gospels, J. T. VanBurkalow; Atonement in Christ and Written Sermon, J. A. Arters; The Sacraments, Outlines of Universal History, L. P. Corkran; The Principles of Rhetoric, Lessons in Logic, Adam Stengle.

Third Year.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, E. S. Mace; Studies in Theology, H. S. Thompson; Biblical Hermeneutics, I. L. Wood; History of the Christian Church, E. E. White; Elements of Psychology, E. P. Roberts; Written Sermon and Essay, H. S. Thompson.

Fourth Year.—Exegetical Studies, Sermons and Essays, W. T. Valiant; Theological Encyclopedia, J. P. Otis; Philosophy of Theism, J. W. Easley; Butler's Analogy, E. C. Macnichol; Systematic Theology, Robert Watt.

Local Deacons.—E. H. Nelson, W. F. Dawson, Wilmer Jaggard, L. W. Layfield.

Local Elders.—T. S. Williams, J. M. Mitchell, W. J. DuHadway, J. M. Collins.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Sunday, March 19, 1893, in Middletown, Del., I ordained the following persons to the office of Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely: Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph Geoghegan, George P. Jones, William Hamilton, Charles Norstrom, John B. Roberts, John P. Outten, William J. Tindal.

Also, that at the same time and place, assisted by several Elders present, I ordained James E. Graham, Truston C. Smoot and Thomas F. Tabler to the office of Elders.

S. M. MERRILL.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all of the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journal and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not allow any person but a member to examine the same nor allow any one to take a transcript from either, without the permission of the Conference; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to the General Conference.
3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.
2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language; and no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every other member who so desires shall have spoken (except, simply to explain when misrepresented), nor shall any one speak longer than fifteen minutes without the consent of the Conference.
3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.
4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.
5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the majority, may move for a reconsideration of the same.
6. It shall be in order for any member, during the discussion of any proposition before the Conference (except in the examination of character) to move the "previous question," and if such motion is seconded by a majority of the members present, the question shall be immediately put.
7. Any member may demand the "yeas and nays" upon any question, and if ONE-FIFTH of the members present, and voting, shall second such demand, the vote shall be taken.
8. Any member may object to the reading of a paper, and when such objection is made the reading shall be dispensed, with unless the Conference, without debate, shall otherwise order.
9. No motion, unless seconded, shall be entertained; and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the member presenting them, if so desired by the President, Secretary or any member of the Conference.
10. When a motion is made, seconded and entertained by the President, it shall be in possession of the Conference, but it may be withdrawn at any time by the mover with the consent of the seconder before a decision is had thereon, or an amendment entertained by the President.
11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor, when such a motion cannot be made without his consent.
12. In discussing the reports of committees, the chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, or such members of the same as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to close the debate.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

- 1.—All motions simply, to adjourn.
 - 2.—All motions to lay on the table.
 - 3.—Motions on the "previous question."
 - 4.—Demand for the "yeas and nays."
 - 5.—All appeals from the decisions of the President.
 - 6.—All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of Conference.
 - 7.—All motions to re-commit.
 - 8.—All motions to place documents, reports, or other papers on record.
- All questions that may arise in the course of Conference proceedings, not determinable by these Rules of Order, shall be determined by the President, in accordance with established parliamentary law subject to appeal to the Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**
James H. Wilson, from Virginia Conference.
2. **Who have been Re-admitted?**
None.
3. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 1. *In Studies of First Year?*
Wm. P. Townsend, Wm. L. White, Harry A. G. Westerfield, Oliver W. Devenish, John P. Outten.
 2. *In Studies of Third Year?*
None.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 1. *In Studies of First Year?*
C. W. Strickland, F. E. McKinsey.
 2. *In Studies of Second Year.*
W. H. Benford, Thos. B. Cooper, W. S. H. Williams, Van P. Northrup, Wm. O. Hurst, Theo. F. Beauchamp, W. H. S. Loller, John D. Lecates, Elmer L. Cross and Wm. P. Taylor.
 3. *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
 4. *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
None.
- Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
7. **Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?**
Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, Elmer L. Cross, Francis B. Short, Jos. H. Geoghegan, George P. Jones.
 1. *Elected and ordained Deacons this year.*
Edwin Gardner, F. B. Short, Jos. H. Geoghegan, G. P. Jones, Elmer L. Cross.
 2. *Elected and ordained Deacons previously.*
Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner.
8. **What Members are in studies of Third Year?**
 1. *Admitted into Full Membership this Year.*
Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geoghegan, George P. Jones, Edwin Gardner, Elmer L. Cross.
 2. *Admitted into Full Membership Previously.*
Geo. W. Bounds, Jas. W. Fogle, Aloycius Green, Julius P. West.
9. **What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?**
M. D. Nutter, J. A. Brewington.

10. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

Jas. E. Graham, Truston C. Smoot, Thos. F. Tabler, Samuel R. Maxwell.

1. Elected and ordained Elders this year.

James E. Graham, Truston C. Smoot, Thos. F. Tabler.

2. Elected and ordained Elders previously.

Samuel R. Maxwell.

11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*1. As Local Preachers.*

Wm. Hamilton, Chas. Norstrom, John B. Roberts, Jno. P. Outten, Wm. J. Tindal, Levin T. McLain.

2. Under Missionary Rule.

None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?*1. As Local Deacons.*

None.

2. Under Missionary Rule.

None.

13. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?

John A. B. Wilson to N. Y. E. Conference; Clarence T. Wilson to Arkansas Conference; Joseph S. Moore to New Jersey Conference.

15. Who have Died?

Chas. Hill, Jas. L. Houston, Alfred T. Melvin, Alfred A. Fisher, Wm. B. Gregg, Joseph Robinson, George Barton.

16. Who have been Located at their own request?

Mark E. Bowman.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

George P. Smith.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other Personal Notation should be made?

None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, W. E. England, J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. H. Caldwell, J. D. Rigg, R. C. Jones, W. L. P. Bowen.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

George Barton,* G. A. Phoebus, Jas. Esgate, Henry Sanderson, Jas. A. Brindle, Jas. Hubbard, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, Wm. B. Walton

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Adam Stengle, J. W. Easley, J. T. VanBurkalow, E. C. Atkins, John France, W. L. S. Murray, J. A. Arters.

*Died during the session of the Conference.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See tables.

26. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$48,332.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$14,500.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

\$7,879 applied to Conference claimants by vote of the Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?**Wilmington District.**

L. E. BARRETT, Presiding Elder.
Bethel and Summit, T. B. Hunter.
Charlestown, T. H. Harding.
Cherry Hill and Union, W. T. Valiant.
Chesapeake City, Wilmer Jaggard.
Chester, E. S. Mace.
Christiana, supply, T. G. Eiswald.
Claymont, G. E. Wood.
Delaware City, A. P. Prettyman.
Elk Neck, Edwin Gardner.
Elkton and Crouch's, I. L. Wood.
Hockessin and Ebenezer, J. O. Sypherd.
Hopewell, B. F. Price.
Marshallton and Stanton, C. H. Williams.
Mt. Lebanon and Union, James Conner.
Mt. Pleasant, W. E. Tomkinson.
Newark and Wesley, W. J. DuHadway.
New Castle, T. E. Martindale.
Newport and Elsmere, A. S. Mowbray.
North East, W. G. Koons.
Perryville, W. P. Taylor.
Port Deposit, H. W. Ewing.
Port Penn, supply, D. J. Givan.
Red Lion and Glasgow, W. P. Townsend.
Rising Sun and Sylmar, J. E. Bryan.
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, supply, James Purnell.
St. Georges, Julius Dodd.

Wilmington.

Asbury, J. D. C. Hanna.
Brandywine, J. P. Otis.
Cookman, W. L. White.
East Lake and Edge Moor, supply, E. C. Young.
Epworth, Isaac Jewell.
Grace, J. Y. Dobbins.
Harrison Street, F. B. Short.
Kingswood, H. S. Dulany.
Madely, D. F. Waddell.
Mt. Salem, S. M. Morgan, Jr.
St. Paul's, T. E. Terry.
Scott, John France.
Silverbrook, W. A. Wise.
Swedish Mission, supply, Charles Norstrom.
Union, E. L. Hubbard.
Wesley, J. B. Quigg.
Zion, L. W. Layfield.
J. P. West and H. A. G. Westfield left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Easton District.

ALFRED SMITH, Presiding Elder.
Appoquinimink, E. H. Hynson.
Bayside, F. E. McKinsey.
Cecilton, D. H. Corkran.
Centreville, V. S. Collins.
Cheswold, T. K. Vandyke.
Chestertown, J. W. Easley.
Church Hill, E. E. White.
Clayton, H. C. Turner.
Cordova, J. M. Lindale.
Crumpton, supply, John Boehm.

Easton, W. E. Avery.
 Galena, E. H. Nelson.
 Greensboro, J. A. Arters.
 Hillsboro, W. W. Sharp.
 Ingleside, W. M. Warner.
 Kent Island, Frank Fletcher.
 Kenton, J. M. Collins.
 Marydel, Albert Chandler.
 Middletown, N. M. Browne.
 Millington, G. W. Burke.
 Odessa, R. I. Watkins.
 Oxford, J. W. Fogle.
 - Piney Neck, supply, W. M. Lister.
 Pomona, J. F. Anderson.
 Queenstown, W. O. Hurst.
 Rock Hall, Robert Roe.
 Royal Oak, O. W. Devenish.
 St. Michael's, S. J. Morris.
 - Salem and Morgan's Creek, supply,
 C. S. York.
 Sassafras and Massey's, supply, Wil-
 liam Thompson.
 Smyrna, Adam Stengle.
 Smyrna Circuit, W. R. Mowbray.
 Still Pond, J. D. Kemp.
 Sudlersville, C. F. Sheppard.
 Talbot Circuit, J. T. Prouse.
 Tilghman's Island, J. D. Lecates.
 Townsend, F. F. Carpenter.
 Trappe, G. S. Conoway.
 Union, J. B. Merritt.
 Wye and Star, W. H. S. Loller.
 W. W. W. Wilson, editor of The
 Methodist.

Dover District.

R. H. ADAMS, Presiding Elder.
 Beckwith, M. D. Nutter.
 Bridgeville, W. P. Compton.
 Burrsville, J. E. Graham.
 Cambridge, F. C. McSorley.
 Camden, I. G. Fosnocht.
 Cannon, T. S. Williams.
 Church Creek Circuit, D. H. Willis.
 Crapo, W. W. Chaires.
 Denton, G. W. Townsend.

Dorchester, supply, L. B. Kirby.
 Dover, Wesley, W. L. S. Murray.
 Armory, J. H. Geoghegan.
 East Newmarket, Asbury Burke.
 Ellendale, supply, L. T. McLain.
 Elliott's Island, C. W. Strickland.
 Farmington, W. M. Green.
 Federalsburg, G. T. Alderson.
 Felton, H. S. Thompson.
 Frederica, S. R. Maxwell.
 Galestown, J. T. Van Burkalow.
 Georgetown, C. A. Grise.
 Georgetown Circuit, A. D. Davis.
 Greenwood, Aloycius Green.
 Harrington, P. H. Rawlins.
 Hooper's Island, supply, B. Wheatley.
 Houston, to be supplied.
 Hurlock's, T. B. Cooper.
 Lakesville, supply, C. H. Clapham.
 Leipsic, T. C. Smoot.
 Lewes, J. H. Howard.
 Lincoln, T. H. Haynes.
 Little Creek, supply, A. C. Jones.
 Magnolia, W. F. Dawson.
 Milford, Robert Watt.
 Milton, E. P. Roberts.
 Nassau, J. S. Wickline.
 Preston, J. H. Wilson.
 Salem, supply, John Sewell.
 Seaford and Bladesville, C. W. Pretty-
 man.
 Vienna, J. A. Brewington.
 Williamsburg, J. P. Outten.
 Williston, T. F. Tabler.
 Woodside, W. H. Benford.
 Wyoming, George W. Bowman.
 Zoar, supply, W. J. Tindal.
 J. R. Todd and E. L. Cross, Professors
 in Conference Academy, Wesley
 Church quarterly conference.

Salisbury District.

W. F. CORKRAN, Presiding Elder.
 Annessex, O. S. Walton.
 Asbury, C. S. Baker.

Barren Creek, supply, Eben Welsh.
 Berlin, W. R. McFarlane.
 Bethel, Edward Davis.
 Bishopville, supply, Luther Poole.
 Cape Charles City, G. W. Bounds.
 Chincoteague, G. P. Jones.
 Crisfield, R. K. Stephenson.
 Deal's Island, C. T. Wyatt.
 Delmar, L. P. Corkran.
 Fairmount, T. A. H. O'Brien.
 Frankford, C. P. Swain.
 Fruitland, T. N. Given.
 Girdle Tree, J. D. Reese.
 Gumboro, W. B. Guthrie.
 Holland's Island, supply, C. W. Matt-
 hews.
 Laurel, S. N. Pilchard.
 Millsboro, James Carroll.
 Mt. Pleasant, W. S. H. Williams.
 Mt. Vernon, E. H. Derrickson.
 - Nanticoke, F. J. Cochran.
 Newark, supply, J. R. Campbell.
 New Church, supply, J. W. Minner.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Salisbury, Md.

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JOURNAL.

The twenty-fifth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Bethesda Church, Middletown, Delaware, Wednesday morning March 15, 1893, at 9 o'clock.

The devotional exercises were conducted by L. E. Barrett; the 726th hymn was sung; Conference was led in prayer by W. L. S. Murray. After the singing of the 319th hymn the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, during which Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, D. D., LL. D., took the chair, closing the services with the appropriate ritual and prayer.

At 9.55 the Conference proceeded to organization. The Secretary of the last session called the roll, and 142 members and probationers answered to their names.

On motion of T. E. Martindale the Conference proceeded to the election of its officers by acclamation.

J. B. Quigg nominated A. S. Mowbray for Secretary and he was re-elected.

V. S. Collins nominated W. R. Mowbray as Statistical Secretary and he was re-elected.

A. D. Davis nominated C. A. Grise as Conference Treasurer, and he was re-elected. Upon direction of the Conference, the Secretary nominated as his assistants, J. D. Rigg, W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster, and they were elected.

The Statistical Secretary nominated as his assistants Asbury Burke, W. W. Sharp, H. C. Turner, C. W. Strickland, G. P. Jones, F. B. Short, F. F. Carpenter, T. B. Cooper, and they were elected.

Conference Treasurer nominated as his assistants A. G. Cox, R. K. Stephenson, R. I. Watkins, H. S. Goldey, J. P. Otis, and they were elected.

The time for meeting and adjournment of Conference was fixed at 8.30 and 12 o'clock, the first half-hour to be spent in devotional services.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the middle of the third window from the pulpit.

On motion of Alfred Smith the Conference appointed the usual standing committees. (See List.)

At the suggestion of the Bishop the Conference appointed the following a Committee on Class-Meetings:—

T. E. Martindale, C. W. Prettyman, W. J. DuHadway.

On motion of R. H. Adams, a committee on camp meetings was appointed as follows: A. D. Davis, R. H. Adams, J. D. C. Hanna, G. W. Townsend, J. W. Easley.

E. L. Hubbard moved the appointment of a committee on transfers. The motion was adopted, by a count vote of 53 to 32. The following were then appointed: E. L. Hubbard, J. H. Howard, W. W. W. Wilson, W. L. S. Murray.

J. F. Anderson was appointed by the Conference to solicit subscribers to The Methodist Review.

J. E. Bryan, S. J. Morris, P. H. Rawlins, C. F. Sheppard were elected Conference Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Certain communications were presented by the Bishop and referred to the appropriate Committees.

Wm E. Tomkinson moved Section 3, Paragraph 5, of the Rules of Order, be amended by the substitution of the words "the prevailing side," for the word "majority," which was lost by a count vote of 19 to 42.

A. B. Sanford, D. D., Assistant Editor of The Methodist Review and Edwin A. Schell, A. M. Secretary of The Epworth League, were introduced and addressed the Conference respecting their work.

On motion of J. D. Rigg the collection of reports and moneys was made the order of the day at 11 o'clock this morning.

The Thirteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was called: The character of L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, was passed, and he read the report of his work.

The order of the day was then taken up, the reports and moneys were handed in and the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, with their assistants were permitted to retire.

J. D. Rigg presented the following preamble and resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Conference learns with great sorrow of the illness of Brother Alfred G. Cox, our efficient Missionary Treasurer, a greatly esteemed official member of this Church, therefore:

Resolved, First, That we extend to Brother Cox in his tedious and painful sickness, our sincere sympathy, and earnestly pray that it may please the Lord to grant him early restoration to health, and to his respective posts of responsibility in his family, the community and the Church.

Resolved, Second, That Brothers Martindale, Murray and Stengle be a committee to bear expressions of love from the Conference to Brother Cox.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The following effective Elders of Wilmington District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: George W. Bowman, E. H. Hynson, T. B. Hunter, I. G. Fosnocht, E. S. Mace, George E. Wood, A. P. Prettyman, I. L. Wood, D. H. Corkran, B. F. Price, C. H. Williams, W. E. Tomkinson, W. J. DuHadway, T. E. Martindale, A. S. Mowbray, W. G. Koons, Adam Stengle, J. E. Bryan, G. L. Hardesty, J. D. C. Hanna, J. P. Otis, Isaac Jewell, J. Y. Dobbins, H. S. Dulany, D. F. Waddell, S. M. Morgan, T. E. Terry, J. France, E. L. Hubbard, J. B. Quigg, L. W. Layfield, Jas. Conner.

On motion of P. H. Rawlins, H. S. Dulany was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Rev. Francis H. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this town, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. B. Quigg the Secretaries were made a committee on publication of minutes, and authorized to make contracts with the printer for three years.

On motion of C. A. Grise, R. I. Watkins was made a committee to ascertain from those ministers who have not reported the one per cent. of their salaries for the Steward's Endowment Fund, whether or not they propose to do so.

H. S. Thompson was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

The committees were called, notices were given, and Conference adjourned on time, Bishop Merrill pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop Merrill in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by R. W. Todd.

The Journal was read and approved.

The roll of absentees was called and seven answered to their names.

A draft on the Chartered Fund for \$25 was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards. Also a draft on the Book Concern for \$1,411 was ordered in favor of the same.

The annual exhibit of the Book Concerns was read, and upon motion of W. L. S. Murray, was ordered to be filed. Upon motion of G. A. Phœbus an abstract of the same was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Upon motion of S. J. Morris, J. W. Fogle was appointed to solicit subscriptions and collect bills for "The Gospel in All Lands."

Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and spoke concerning the work of that Society. By motion of T. E. Terry he was requested to speak of his work as a member of the Permanent Committee on Temperance appointed by the General Conference.

Dr. Aaron Rittenhouse, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Hospital, was introduced and spoke concerning his work.

Dr. E. J. Gray, Secretary of the American University, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the plans and prospects of that institution.

Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. Union and Tract Society, was introduced and spoke in the interests of those societies.

A communication from the Book Concern, at New York, giving the apportionment of \$1690 to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the various charges.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed, Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder of Easton District was called, his character passed, and he read the report of his work.

The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. D. Reese, T. A. H. O'Brien, V. S. Collins, J. W. Easley, R. I. Watkins, J. F. Anderson, E. H. Nelson, J. A. Arters, T. H. Harding, W. W. Sharp, W. M. Warner, J. M. Lindale, Albert Chandler, N. M. Browne, E. E. White, H. S. Thompson, W. R. Mowbray, Robert Roe, S. J. Morris, W. W. W. Wilson, R. K. Stephenson, J. D. Kemp, E. C. Macnichol, J. M. Collins, Frank Fletcher, G. S. Conoway, W. E. Avery.

The Statistical Secretary reported the charges that had failed to make reports or had made defective ones.

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to compare and correct reports with the Treasurer's statistics as a basis.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder of Dover District, was called, his character passed, and he read his report.

The time was extended.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. F. Dawson, W. P. Compton, J. H. Howard, P. H. Rawlins, T. S. Williams, G. W. Townsend, W. L. S. Murray, Asbury Burke, J. T. Van Burkalow, W. M. Green, Julius Dodd, T. H. Haynes, C. A. Grise, A. D. Davis, R. T. Coursey, D. H. Willis, W. B. Guthrie, F. F. Carpenter, F. C. McSorley, G. W. Burke, W. R. McFarlane, Robert Watt, E. P. Roberts, J. S. Wickline, R. W. Todd, J. R. Todd, J. S. Moore.

Dr. C. C. McCabe, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning his work.

H. S. Dulany was appointed to collect the unpaid subscriptions for minutes of 1891.

W. E. Tomkinson was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning.

Committees were called, announcements were made, and upon motion of J. B. Quigg, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. C. C. McCabe pronouncing the Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, with Bishop Merrill in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by W. E. Tomkinson.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

J. B. Quigg presented a communication from C. H. B. Day, Esq., announcing the expiration of the term of four Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and J. B. Quigg, W. L. S. Murray and C. W. Prettyman were appointed a Committee to nominate their successors.

J. H. Caldwell, T. E. Martindale, John France, and R. H. Adams were nominated and elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed, W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his work.

The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: O. S. Walton, C. S. Baker, Wilmer Jaggard, Edward Davis, G. T. Alderson, H. W. Ewing, W. T. Valiant, L. P. Corkran, C. W. Prettyman, C. P. Swain, T. N. Given, E. H. Derrickson, S. N. Pilchard, James Carroll, G. P. Smith, J. T. Prouse, F. J. Cochran, W. L. P. Bowen, E. C. Atkins, J. H. Wilson, W. W. Chaires, W. A. Wise, C. F. Sheppard, J. M.

Mitchell, C. T. Wyatt, Warren Burr, C. A. Hill, J. W. Gray, J. O. Sypherd, D. F. McFaul, Newton McQuay, Z. H. Webster, E. H. Miller.

Certain papers were presented by Bishop Merrill and referred to the appropriate committees.

G. A. Phœbus presented resolutions on the Sabbath, which were referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

V. S. Collins moved to renew the action of the Conference of one year ago, requesting the Presiding Elders to limit their reports to 2,000 words each, and it was adopted. *Look up his long reports -*

Dr. W. W. Moffatt, Agent of the American Bible Society for New Jersey and Delaware, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning his work.

The Fifth Question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up.

The Conference directed that the Committees of Examination should report the marks upon each study. Wm. H. Benford, Thos. B. Cooper, Wm. S. H. Williams, Clarence W. Strickland, Fred. E. McKinsey, Van P. Northrup, Clarence T. Wilson, Wm. O. Hurst, Theo. F. Beauchamp, Wm. H. S. Loller, Jno. D. Lecates, Elmer L. Cross, Wm. P. Taylor, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and C. W. Strickland, F. E. McKinsey, were continued on trial in the first year's course of study. W. H. Benford, T. B. Cooper, W. S. H. Williams, Van P. Northrup, Wm. O. Hurst, Theo. F. Beauchamp, W. H. S. Loller, J. D. Lecates, Elmer L. Cross and Wm. P. Taylor were continued on trial and advanced to the second year's course of study. Clarence T. Wilson was announced as transferred to the Arkansas Conference.

The Eighth Question, "What members are in studies of third year?" was taken up. Melvin D. Nutter, Aloycius Green, Julius A. Brewington, James W. Fogle, George W. Bounds, Julius P. West, Samuel R. Maxwell, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections; the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and Aloycius Green, James W. Fogle, G. W. Bounds, J. P. West, were continued in the third year's course of study. M. D. Nutter, J. A. Brewington and Samuel R. Maxwell were advanced to the fourth year's course of study, M. D. Nutter to pass two studies during the year.

Julius P. West was allowed to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

On motion of V. S. Collins he was assigned to the oversight of the Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District.

The Tenth Question, "What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. James E. Graham, Truston C. Smoot, Thos. F. Tabler and Samuel R. Maxwell were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and J. E. Graham, T. C. Smoot and T. F. Tabler were elected to Elder's orders, S. R. Maxwell, being already in orders, was passed to the list of Effective Elders.

The Twenty-second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, W. E. England,

J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. H. Caldwell, J. D. Rigg, R. C. Jones were called, their characters passed, and their relation continued.

The relation of Wm. B. Walton was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated at his own request.

The relation of W. L. P. Bowen, at his request, was changed from effective to Supernumerary and his case referred to the consideration of the Board of Stewards.

The Twenty-Third Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. George Barton, G. A. Phœbus, Jas. Esgate, Henry Sanderson, James A. Brindle, Jas. Hubbard, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman were called, their characters passed, and their relation continued.

On motion of R. H. Adams the case of J. S. Moore was referred to the Board of Stewards for consideration.

W. L. S. Murray presented a memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, concerning the standard of admission in this Conference, which was referred to a special committee consisting of J. Y. Dobbins, T. E. Martindale and J. D. Kemp.

Dr. I. N. Dalby, President of Lucy Webb Hayes Bible and Training School and General Superintendent of Woman's Home Missionary Society Deaconess Work, Washington D. C., was introduced to the Conference, and on motion of J. D. C. Hanna was invited to address the Conference concerning his work.

J. B. Quigg made an announcement calling a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy.

V. S. Collins presented resolutions concerning conference examinations which were referred to the Special Committee in the case of the Dover memorial.

J. O. Sypherd presented the report of the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society and it was adopted.

J. O. Sypherd, J. D. Kemp and J. B. Quigg were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Conference Treasurer.

The Conference directed that M. D. Nutter be required to pass his examination upon Systematic Theology, Intellectual Science and Written Sermon during the interim of Conference.

The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was then taken up. Salisbury was put in nomination by C. A. Hill, Laurel by S. N. Pilchard, Lewes by F. C. McSorley, and Smyrna by W. W. Wilson.

The time was extended. After representation of the several inviting places, an affirmative vote was ordered. Lewes was withdrawn and the vote stood Salisbury 59, Laurel 24, and Smyrna 26. Upon motion of T. E. Martindale the vote for Salisbury was made unanimous.

C. W. Prettyman was appointed to conduct the devotional services to morrow morning.

The committees were called, announcements were made, and upon motion of V. S. Collins, Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung and J. B. Quigg pronounced the Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop Merrill in the chair. The devotions were conducted by C. W. Prettyman. At 9 o'clock the Journal was read and approved.

The Eleventh Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up.

William Hamilton, Charles Norstrom, John B. Roberts, John P. Outten, William J. Tindal, Levin T. McLain were called, and being recommended in due form, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were elected to Deacon's orders.

Question Twelve, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. No names were presented.

Question Seven, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up.

Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph Geoghegan and George P. Jones were called before the Conference, the usual disciplinary questions were propounded and Bishop Merrill delivered to the class and the Conference' an able and impressive address, enforcing the lessons contained in the questions.

The names of the candidates were then called, their characters passed; they reported their collections and retired. The committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were admitted into full membership.

Edwin Gardner, F. B. Short, J. H. Geoghegan, G. P. Jones were elected to Deacon's Orders.

Mark E. Bowman and H. C. Turner had been previously Ordained Deacons. The special committee appointed on the Memorial from Wesley Church, Dover, presented their report through T. E. Martindale as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Quarterly Conference of the Wesley M. E. Church, of Dover, touching the educational qualifications of our candidates for admission on trial to this Conference, and also the Resolutions presented by V. S. Collins, have carefully considered the proposals contained therein and beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, If the Ministry of our Church would preserve its leadership it must keep pace with the educational progress of the day, and,

WHEREAS, Many of our most loyal laymen, while recognizing the supreme importance of a consecrated Ministry, feel that the time has come for some advance in the general educational qualifications of the men who minister to them, therefore,

Resolved 1. That the Wilmington Annual Conference will hereafter admit no young man on Probation, whose educational attainments are not the equivalent of an English Course in any of our High-schools or Academies of fair grade.

Resolved 2. That the Presiding Elders be instructed to set this matter before all Quarterly Conferences where men are brought forward for recommendation to this Conference for Admission on Trial.

Resolved 3. That the Committee to examine candidates for Admission on Trial are hereby instructed to conduct their investigation in harmony with this action.

Resolved 4. That no student in any of the classes, who shall fall below an average

of five in any single study, or a general average of six in all the studies of the year shall be regarded as having passed a satisfactory examination.

Resolved 5. That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next session of the Conference a plan for the systematic examination of all the classes.

Upon motion of V. S. Collins the resolutions were taken up item by item. Resolution 1 was read and after much discussion was adopted by a count vote of 52 to 45.

During the discussion, on motion of Alfred Smith, the courtesies of the floor were extended to Dr. W. L. Gooding, Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

The remaining resolutions were then read, discussed and adopted.

The time was extended.

The following visiting ministers were then introduced: J. F. Crouch, D. D.; S. W. Thomas, D. D.; Wm. L. McDowell, D. D.; A. M. Wiggins, D. D.; J. R. T. Gray, D. D. of the Philadelphia Conference; F. J. Wagner, D. D., President of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md. and J. Benson Hamilton D. D. of the N. Y. E. Conference.

On motion of R. H. Adams, a collection was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards, but upon the suggestion of Bishop Merrill the Conference decided to defer the collection to the Steward's Anniversary.

On motion of W. L. S. Murray, Dr. J. B. Hamilton was invited to address the Conference concerning his work in behalf of the Veterans.

C. A. Grise presented and read the report of the Committee on Stewards Endowment Fund, which upon motion of V. S. Collins, was made the order of the day for Monday at 10 o'clock.

J. E. Bryan was appointed to conduct the devotional services on Monday.

The committees were called, announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Alfred Smith pronouncing the benediction.

SUNDAY.

Conference Love Feast was held at 9 o'clock, conducted by J. B. Quigg. At 10.30 o'clock Bishop Merrill preached an excellent and impressive sermon from 1 Cor. 16:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

The afternoon was devoted to an Ordination service, beginning at 2.30 o'clock. After appropriate devotional services Bishop Merrill spoke of the meaning and lessons of the service of Ordination. Then were ordained as Deacons, Edwin Gardner, F. B. Short, J. H. Geoghegan, George P. Jones, William Hamilton, Charles Norstrom, John B. Roberts, John P. Outten, William J. Tindal, L. T. McLain.

Afterward, with the assistance of L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran, J. B. Quigg, Isaac Jewell and T. E. Terry, the Bishop ordained as Elders, James E. Graham, Truston C. Smoot, Thomas F. Tabler.

In the evening was held the Steward's Anniversary at which J. Benson Hamilton delivered an address and a collection in favor of the Board of Stewards was taken amounting to \$224.00.

MONDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8.30, Bishop Merrill in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by J. E. Bryan.

The Journal was read and approved.

Question Seven was resumed. Elmer L. Cross was called before the Conference. The usual disciplinary questions were propounded, the Presiding Elder represented, the committee reported and he was admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Dr. F. J. Wagner, President of Morgan College, was introduced and spoke in the interest of his work.

Professor Lyman J. Powell, of the University of Wisconsin, was upon motion of W. L. S. Murray invited to address the Conference upon University Extension. Bishop Merrill called L. E. Barrett to the Chair.

A communication from Dr. James M. King, concerning the public schools, was referred to Committee on Education.

Resolutions were presented by W. L. S. Murray as follows:

WHEREAS, Gambling in any and all forms is demoralizing, vicious and wicked; destructive of morals, and hostile to religion and the good order, virtue and peace of society, and

WHEREAS, Pool selling or gambling, or betting in any form on trials of speed at race tracks, or agricultural fairs, has been demonstrated to be one of the most insidious and pernicious forms of gambling, and

WHEREAS, The present deplorable condition of affairs in our Sister State of New Jersey growing out of the bold and unscrupulous methods of the race-track gamblers, whereby the Legislature of the State has been brought under control of bad men, and the loudly expressed will of the order loving citizens of the State has been set at defiance, is a practical illustration and demonstration of the methods and results of these enemies of the Church and Society, and

WHEREAS, There has been introduced and is now pending in the Legislature of the State of Delaware, a bill which has for its object the legalizing of pool selling within this State to one or more corporations, therefore

Resolved 1. That it is the settled conviction of the members of this Conference, confirmed by evidence furnished daily in relation to the race-track evil, existing in New Jersey, that no form of vice has as demoralizing an effect upon the young men and youths of a community as pool selling, having the effect as has been unmistakably shown, of converting them into till-tappers, thieves, robbers and drunkards.

Resolved 2. That as the representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we raise our united voices in respectful and solemn protest against any form of legislative action which looks to the removal of any restriction against pool selling or any other form of gambling within the borders of this State.

Resolved 3. That we, the officers and members of this Annual Conference memorialize the Legislature, now in session in Dover, and implore them in the name of our God, in the name of all our Churches, in the name of the fathers, the mothers and the sons of the State of Delaware to save us from the threatened and impending evil.

The resolutions were adopted by rising vote and a copy was ordered to be sent to the speaker of the House and the President of the State Senate at Dover. Bishop Merrill resumed the Chair.

The Report of E. H. Nelson, as Trustee for Annie D. Chatham was presented and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Special Committee to formulate a Plan of Systematic Examination was appointed as follows: W. J. DuHadway, V. S. Collins, T. E. Martindale, C. A. Hill, J. D. C. Hanna.

The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. William P. Townsend, William L. White, Harry A. G. Westerfield, Oliver W. Devenish, John P. Outten, were introduced, the committees reported; the Presiding Elders represented, and they were admitted on trial.

H. A. G. Westerfield was permitted to be left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

The order of the day, the Report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment Fund, was taken up. It was read by C. A. Grise, and upon motion of J. B. Quigg, it was taken up in parts for adoption.

Item 1 was read and adopted.

Item 2 was read and deferred until the consideration of the rest of the report.

Item 3 was read and adopted.

Item 4 was read and discussed.

Upon motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was determined that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock in Memorial Session.

Adjourned by expiration of time.

T. E. Martindale was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and Alfred Smith pronounced the benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Memorial Session.

Conference met at 2 o'clock in Memorial Session with T. E. Martindale in the Chair. The congregation sang the 741st hymn, after which T. B. Hunter led the Conference in prayer.

The name of Charles Hill was announced, and John France read his memoir. Appropriate remarks were made by B. F. Price, W. E. England, G. A. Phoebus, Henry Sanderson, A. T. Scott, and upon motion of J. B. Quigg, the memoir was adopted.

The name of James L. Houston was called, and Thomas E. Martindale read the memoir. Appropriate remarks were made by B. F. Price, Henry Sanderson, G. S. Conway, A. T. Scott, and the memoir was adopted.

The name of Alfred T. Melvin was called and appropriate remarks were made by R. W. Todd, J. W. Easley. Upon motion of R. W. Todd, a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable memoir. The Chair appointed R. W. Todd and J. W. Easley.

Alfred A. Fisher's name was announced and W. P. Compton read an appro.

priate memoir. Remarks were then made by J. T. Van Burkalow, J. P. Otis, A. D. Davis. The memoir was then adopted.

William B. Gregg's name was then announced and P. H. Rawlins read the memoir. Appropriate remarks were made by W. L. S. Murray, J. E. Bryan. The memoir was adopted.

J. B. Quigg read the memoir of Joseph Robinson, which after appropriate remarks by James A. Brindle, John France, Robert Watt, W. W. Sharp, W. M. Green, G. L. Hardesty, was adopted.

Upon request T. E. Terry was permitted to furnish the Secretary with the memoir of Mrs. Conner.

The same order was obtained with regard to the memoir of Mrs. E. M. Thompson.

Announcement of the recent death of George Barton was made, and J. A. Arters and R. I. Watkins were appointed a committee to attend the funeral to-morrow.

Business was resumed. Upon motion of W. E. Tomkinson the report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment Fund was laid on the table to hear the report of the Board of Stewards.

Upon motion of Isaac Jewell, a session of Conference was ordered for this evening to begin at 7.30 o'clock.

P. H. Rawlins then presented and read the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted and the moneys were distributed.

R. K. Stephenson was appointed Trustee of the funds given R. C. Jones.

E. H. Nelson was appointed Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned upon motion of R. W. Todd. The Doxology was sung and Dr. George E. Reed pronounced the benediction.

MONDAY EVENING.

Conference met at 7.40 o'clock with Bishop Merrill in the Chair. After the singing of the first hymn the Conference was led in prayer by J. T. Van Burkalow.

The Journal was read and approved.

Upon motion of V. S. Collins, the Report on Steward's Endowment was postponed until after reading of the Journal to-morrow morning. Bishop Merrill called T. E. Martindale to the Chair.

Dr. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, was introduced and spoke in the interest of that institution.

W. E. Tompkinson presented and read the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and it was adopted. The Committee presented this Resolution:

Resolved, That we appoint a Conference Board of Deaconess Work. Which was done as follows: J. Y. Dobbins, I. L. Wood, T. E. Terry, L. E. Barrett, J. Taylor Gause, Jos. Pyle, Mrs. E. L. Weldin, Mrs. Job H. Jackson, Mrs. J. B. Quigg.

The Statistical Secretary presented the report of Conference Statistics and it was read and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

J. T. Van Burkalow moved to take a collection for the sexton, which was given into the charge of T. E. Terry and amounted to \$25.00.

C. S. Baker presented and read the report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. The Committee also nominated as Delegates to the World's Congress of Temperance to meet at Chicago: C. A. Hill, F. C. McSorley, Alfred Smith, Geo. W. Todd, Esq. and they were confirmed.

J. B. Quigg moved to amend the report by the addition of the following words to the last resolution: "We recommend the organization of Leagues in all our Churches according to the plans of the Christian Temperance Alliance." The report as amended was then adopted.

C. A. Grise moved the appointment of a committee to carry out the above resolution. J. T. Van Burkalow moved that the Presiding Elders be that committee. V. S. Collins moved to amend by having the committee consist of the Presiding Elders and one from each District, which was adopted, and the committee was appointed as follows: The Presiding Elders, J. B. Quigg, V. S. Collins, W. L. S. Murray, Warren Burr.

Ralph T. Coursey presented and read the report of the Bible Society which was adopted.

C. T. Wyatt presented and read the report of the Committee on Epworth League, which was amended and adopted.

At the motion of E. L. Hubbard Conference adjourned upon a count vote of 48 to 46.

Alfred T. Scott was appointed to conduct the devotional service to-morrow morning. The Doxology was sung and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with the devotional services in charge of A. T. Scott.

At 9 o'clock Bishop Merrill took the Chair. The Journal was read and approved.

The order of the day, the Report of the Committee on Stewards Endowment, was taken up and C. A. Grise read the part of the report relating to Distribution of Funds, and after discussion T. E. Martindale moved to refer this part of the report to a special committee to report at the next Conference, which was carried.

C. A. Grise read the remaining part of the report, and after discussion it was recommitted together with all the rest of the report to the old Committee, to be reported upon next year. The Committee was requested to associate with them four laymen.

T. E. Martindale presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, This Conference has learned, with profound sorrow, this morning of the critical illness of Ex-Senator Saulsbury, who has been for years the honored friend of our Conference Academy and President of its Board of Trustees, therefore

Resolved, That as a Conference, we hereby tender our sympathy to our brother in his illness and will pray that God may give him abundant grace for this hour of his sore trial.

E. L. Hubbard, T. E. Terry and R. W. Todd were appointed a Committee on Thanks.

C. A. Grise was elected as Secretary of the Endowment Fund.

William H. Jackson, H. S. Goldy, Joseph Smithers and William Taylor were appointed to the Committee on Endowment Fund at the request of that Committee.

J. O. Sypherd presented and read the report of the committee appointed to audit the accounts of Presiding Elders, Conference Treasurer, and other accounts and it was adopted.

C. A. Grise presented the report of the Conference Treasurer, and it was received and ordered to be filed.

J. T. Van Burkalow presented and read the report of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, and it was adopted.

E. L. Hubbard presented and read the report of the Committee on Transfers, which was adopted.

B. F. Price presented and read the report of the Conference History Society, and it was adopted.

J. Y. Dobbins presented and read the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted.

W. L. S. Murray moved to take a collection for debt on Conference minutes of 1891, for the new journal, and to supply entertaining families of Middletown with a copy of minutes. The collection was taken amounting to \$49.50, which was distributed as follows: \$8.00 for journal, \$15 for minutes, and the rest for the debt.

W. L. S. Murray presented and read a report upon Public Schools from the Committee on Education which was adopted.

The report of the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was read by T. E. Martindale, and it was received and ordered filed.

An additional resolution on the use of Educational Funds was presented by J. B. Quigg.

Resolved, By the Wilmington Conference in conference assembled at Middletown, Delaware, March 21, 1893, that we heartily approve the measure now before the Legislature of this State to repeal the law which authorizes the appropriation of public funds to support the Sunday Schools of the various Churches, and hereby earnestly urge its passage.

It was adopted, and a copy directed to be sent to the Legislature of the State of Delaware.

H. W. Ewing presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance which was adopted.

T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the Committee on Class Meetings, which was adopted.

A. P. Prettyman read the report of the Woman's Foreign Mission any Society, and it was adopted.

A. D. Davis presented the report of the Committee on Camp Meetings, and it was adopted.

G. W. Bounds presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, Bibles and Tracts, and it was adopted.

W. F. Corkran presented and read the report of the Committee on Missions which was approved.

The time was extended.

V. S. Collins presented the report of the Conference Educational Society, and it was adopted.

W. P. Compton presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension which was adopted.

Resolutions were presented by Aloysious Green as follows:

WHEREAS, There is now pending before the Delaware Legislature a bill providing an appropriation for the erection of a State Industrial School for girls, and

WHEREAS, The present prison and jails are unfit for the incarceration of women and girls charged with minor offences, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Conference endorses and urges the passage of said bill; also that a copy of these Resolutions, properly signed, be forwarded to the Speakers of the State Senate and House of Representatives.

After a statement, W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder, presented the parchments of G. P. Smith and he was entered withdrawn from Conference, and his parchments placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Conference.

Mark E. Bowman was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

Upon motion of Alfred Smith, Bishop Merrill was requested to appoint W. W. Wilson to the Editorship of "The Methodist," which is published in the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alfred Smith moved to refer the Church property at Chesterville to Millington Quarterly Conference for appointment of Trustees.

Resolutions of thanks were presented by E. L. Hubbard, as follows:

WHEREAS, This Conference has been entertained in this beautiful town in a manner unsurpassed, we return gratitude,

1. To the families who have so pleasantly entertained us.

2. To Brother Brown and wife for unceasing attention.

3. To Middletown Methodism for the use their Church.

4. To the Grand Public for universal courtesy.

5. To the Sexton for patient and careful service.

6. To the Reporters for full and fair accounts of our proceedings.

7. To the Choir for sweet singing.

8. To the Secretaries and Committees for faithful service.

9. To Bishop Merrill for wise and impartial superintendence.

10. To our Heavenly Father for a session of most delightful harmony.

The Resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Nominations for Triers of Appeals were announced by Bishop Merrill, and they were confirmed.

Nominations for the Conference Board of Church Extension were read, and they were approved, and the persons named were made the Conference Board of Church Extension.

Nominations for Examining Committees, Board of Church Location, and person to preach the Missionary sermon were read, and they were approved.

Presiding Elder of Salisbury District and Pastor of Salisbury Church were made a Committee on Anniversaries for next session.

Conference Board Domestic Missions were nominated and appointed.

Managers of Historical Society were nominated and confirmed.

J. D. Rigg made a statement of the balance of the Conference debt, and a collection was taken which amounted to \$49.69 which finished the debt against the Conference. The journal was read up preparatory to adjournment.

Upon motion of W. E. Tomkinson, it was determined that after the reading of the appointments the Conference stand adjourned.

Bishop Merrill addressed the Conference in wise and earnest words of counsel, the appointments were read, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Bishop Merrill pronouncing the benediction.

MEMORABILIA.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.
1	Mar. 17, '69	Wilmington...	M. Simpson...	S. L. Gracey.	
2	Mar. 16, '70	Port Deposit...	E. S. Janes.....	"	
3	Mar. 8, '71	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	"	1872—{ J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Chas. Hill.
4	Feb. 21, '72	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.	Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
5	Mar. 5, '73	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale.	
6	Mar. 4, '74	Salisbury.....	I. W. Wiley...	"	1876—{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England.
7	Mar. 17, '75	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes.....	"	Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
8	Mar. 15, '76	Wilmington...	L. Scott.....	"	
9	Mar. 7, '77	Milford.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.	
10	Mar. 13, '78	Chestertown...	R. S. Foster...	"	1880—{ L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill.
11	Mar. 19, '79	New Castle.....	M. Simpson...	"	
12	Mar. 17, '80	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews	"	Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
13	Mar. 16, '81	Lewes.....	Thos Bowman	Jno. D. Rigg.	
14	Mar. 8, '82	Middletown...	J. F. Hurst.....	"	1884—{ J. H. Caldwell, Chas. Hill, J. B. Quigg.
15	Mar. 7, '83	Cambridge...	M. Simpson...	"	
16	Mar. 5, '84	Wilmington...	W. L. Harris..	"	Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
17	Mar. 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	S. M. Merrill..	Jno. D. Rigg.	
18	Mar. 4, '86	Elkton.....	WF Mallalien	"	1888—{ Jacob Todd, D. D., J. A. B. Wilson, D. D., N. M. Browne.
19	Mar. 17, '87	Crisfield, Md...	H. W. Warren	"	
20	Mar. 7, '88	Wilmington...	C. D. Foss.....	"	Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
21	Mar. 20, '89	Easton, Md....	R. S. Foster...	Jno. D. Rigg.	
22	Mar. 26, '90	Milford, Del...	Thos Bowman	"	1892—{ W. L. S. Murray, D. D., Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams.
23	Mar. 19, '91	C'ntr'v'le, Md.	C. H. Fowler..	"	
24	Mar. 16, '92	Wilmington...	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.	Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
25	Mar. 15, '93	Middletown...	S. M. Merrill..	"	

REPORTS.

I.—EDUCATION.

Your committee have been deeply impressed by the address recently prepared in behalf of the Bishops by three of their number, and directed to the examining committees of the various Conferences, and we beg leave to insert in this report the following statement taken therefrom as a just description of the need and danger which exist in relation to the preparation of candidates for the ministry in our own church. "There are many thoughtful men in the church who fear that in some Conferences there is too great laxity in the conduct of the annual examinations; that in some cases the examiners themselves do not appreciate their responsibility; that too many of the candidates are indifferent or careless in preparation, and that sometimes, through a false sympathy, young and inexperienced, but pious men, who have had a certain kind and measure of success in evangelistic and pastoral work, but who have neglected their studies, are allowed to enter the Conference as 'preachers on trial;' are admitted as 'full members' or are promoted from year to year, until as 'effective elders,' they are beyond the control of all examining committees. The evil effect of this official carelessness and weak sympathy are to be seen in all parts of our church, at home and abroad. The increase of culture in the church and country demands a cultured ministry; a ministry, at least, of intellectual force and activity, thoroughly honest, with extensive biblical knowledge, sound common sense, and the power of adaptation to the people of this age."

While as a committee we do not believe that these words of warning have any greater application to our Conference than to many others, we nevertheless, cannot forbear expressing the conviction that there is urgent necessity of a more thorough preparation for the ministry by many of our young men who contemplate this holy calling. At the same time we should be careful to make reasonable allowance for such extraordinary conditions as cannot, in the nature of things, be provided for by any restrictions or rules which may be made. A man of large native gifts who comes to himself and to God too late in life for systematic training, or a man of great spiritual power who may be possessed of only meagre gifts, and have had but little training of any kind, must not be dealt with rigorously merely to sustain a system which is intended to have general application. A pure heart and a sound mind in a healthy body, are essential elements of the most effective ministerial service, and if to these there be joined an insatiable desire for knowledge in holy things, all the qualifications are present which the work of saving men and building them up into God, demand. Believing as we do, that the action adopted by our Conference at this session, and which is intended to secure greater carefulness in respect to the preparation of those who

seek admission on trial, is as friendly to the candidates themselves as it is faithful to the prosperity and power of the future church, we entertain the hope that the special committee appointed to devise and to submit to the Conference at its next session for its judgment, a better system of examination of young men proposing to enter the ministry, may be able, by extensive inquiry in other Conferences and mature reflection, to produce such a plan as will be easily understood, and as will furnish incentive and encouragement to all those who seek to enter the ministry within our bounds.

The various institutions to which our Conference is more or less closely related, we are glad to state, are in a prosperous condition.

Morgan College is entitled to our careful consideration, inasmuch as the money contributed by the people of this Conference to the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society is given to this school. There are two preparatory academies connected with the college, one located at Princess Anne, Md., and the other at Lynchburg, Va., for the latter of which a well-constructed building is nearly completed. Eighteen thousand dollars have been added to the endowment of the college, and \$6,000 of indebtedness have been paid since the last report was made to the Conference by its Committee on Education. Ten thousand dollars have been given toward defraying the cost of the new building at Lynchburg, and \$2,800 are now in hand for the erection of a dormitory for girls at Princess Anne. Four thousand students since 1873 have attended the college in Baltimore and the school at Princess Anne, and more than one hundred young men have gone from the college into the Christian Ministry. The work of educating the colored race is worthy of the best thought and endeavor of our age, and this college with its preparatory schools is well-fitted to do a great service for so great a cause.

Boston University is one of the great institutions of American Methodism. Its continued growth and the numerous facilities which it provides for education make it worthy of all the confidence which it receives from the Church. About twelve hundred students representing nearly all the States and Territories of our country, as well as widely separated and distant parts of the world, give it a cosmopolitan character, which is as flattering to the wisdom and energy of its management as it is grateful to the heart of the Church.

Drew Seminary has recently provided a department for the study of the English Bible. The study of the Scriptures in the original tongues is of great value, but a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures in the languages of our daily life is indispensable, and we congratulate this favorite school of the prophets upon the establishment of such a study, and predict that this new department will yield the most gratifying results. Two Annual Fellowships have also been founded in this institution, and three young men who hold Fellowships are now pursuing studies abroad; one in England and the others in Germany. Each Fellowship furnishes an income of \$250 for one year. The largest class that ever entered the seminary, numbering sixty-five, was received last fall. The accommodations being insufficient for those applying for admission, the friends of the school have determined to build a dormitory with all modern improvements, and

capable of accommodating one hundred students. The faculty of this seminary is composed of earnest Christian scholars, who are in close sympathy with the life of the pastorate, and whose instruction is inspired by love of souls and a jealous regard for the character and efficiency of the Ministry of our Church.

The Woman's College, of Baltimore, is one of the finest institutions of this character in the country. The high standard of scholarship, the increasing number of beautiful and substantial buildings, the social environment of its student life and the religious spirit which pervades all the instruction, make this college one of the very best for the higher education of the daughters of Methodism. Its increasing prosperity is evidence that it has already won a large place in public consideration, and is a sure token of yet greater attainments in a future which is so well assured.

Dickinson College, under the able presidency of Rev. Dr. Geo. E. Reed, continues its hold upon the confidence of all our people. The number of students is steadily increasing and the work done in the various departments is of a high character. The spirit of manliness and honorable rivalry which prevails among the students, and the distinctive Christian influence which dominates the college life are subjects for felicitation among all the friends of this honored institution. Two large and eligible lots adjacent to the Campus have been given for the erection thereupon of a large building in which recitation rooms and society halls may be provided so that the space in other buildings hitherto taken for their uses may be converted into rooms for the students. It is expected that the foundation for this structure will be laid at an early day and the work then hastened to completion.

Our own Conference Academy has one hundred and forty-six students and seven teachers, and since the last session of the Conference has had a most prosperous and satisfactory year. The excellent reputation of the faculty of this school for conscientious devotion to the work of instruction, and for the careful oversight of the students, and the admirable location at the capital of this State of the homelike buildings of the Academy, one of the most pleasant inland towns in the Middle States, are great advantages to the cause of academic education within the bonds of the Conference, and it is safe to assume that no better preparatory work is done in any Academy than this one.

Your Committee heartily commend to your consideration the subject of post graduate education under the happiest Protestant auspices as provided for in the proposed university to be established at Washington under the control of our own Church.

The Conference Educational Society richly deserves our continued confidence and support and we commend to your consideration the facts which the report from the society to the Conference contains. We beg also to refer to the magnificent work being done by the Board of Education under the able leadership of the Rev. Dr. C. H. Payne, the Secretary of the Board. We desire to emphasize the importance of Children's Day collection and to urge the more careful observance of the Disciplinary directions respecting it.

II.—PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, In different parts of our land in many of the States, dangerous compromises have been entered into between the public schools and sectarian parochial schools, whereby certain ecclesiastics secure the benefits of the public schools for the children and youth of their faith and impart sectarian instruction at the expense of the State, and,

WHEREAS, The most advanced attitude of the highest authorities of the Roman Catholic Church toward the public schools, which they have heretofore unsparingly condemned, is that of grudging toleration and not of loyal commendation, and the toleration avowedly based upon the fact that their own people are yet too poor to adequately support their own church parochial schools, and,

WHEREAS, Bold and uncompromising demands have recently been made upon State Legislatures for the enactment of laws which shall divide the public school funds on denominational and sectarian lines, therefore

Resolved, By the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the stability of a republican form of government rests mainly upon the intelligence of its citizenship, and this intelligence of the average citizen is chiefly due in this country, to the public school instruction.

Resolved, That any person or power that threatens the integrity or existence of the public schools is an enemy of the Republic.

Resolved, That we will jealously watch and loyally guard these nurseries of our citizenship, and whenever they are assaulted, we will defend them without malice, without bigotry, without fear, but without compromise.

Resolved, That the national language must have precedence and mastery in the national schools.

Resolved, That all partisan political control and all sectarianism in the management and teaching of the public schools and all evidences in the structures used, or in the garb of teachers that would suggest sectarian relationship or hint at the remotest connection of Church and State must be banished.

Resolved, That we will exhort our people to exert themselves as citizens to defend National, State, County and Municipal Treasuries against all attempts or pretexts for the division of the sacred funds which they hold for the support of the public schools,

Resolved, The Presiding Elders are requested to bring this subject before the Quarterly Conferences, and that the members of this Conference are requested to keep their people thoroughly informed concerning the assaults upon the public schools and exhort them to a loyal and patriotic defence of this vitally important American institution.

Resolved, That the Sunday-School boards of our Church be, and are hereby urged to refuse all contributions by the State of Delaware to the support of our Sunday-schools, and that our pastors be hereby urged to protest against receiving such contributions.

III.—CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

This Society, your own Educational Society, bespeaks your attention and your earnest co-operation. The society has received in cash since its organization the following amounts:

In 1873, \$150; 1874, \$250; 1875, \$275; 1876, \$100; 1877, \$100; 1878, \$180; 1879, \$252.85; 1880, \$150; 1881, \$200; 1882, \$125; 1883, \$175; 1884, \$125; 1885, \$150; 1886, \$275; 1887, \$425; 1888, \$362.50; 1889, \$425; 1890, \$425; 1891, \$511, 1892, \$600. Total, \$5,256.35.

This society has, with even this small sum at its disposal, assisted thirty-seven students in securing an education, without which, such an education would have been beyond their reach. Among these thirty-seven are some of the most prominent members of this Conference.

During the past year the society has aided eight students who will doubtless reflect as much credit upon the church as any other class ever helped by this society during any one year.

We ask you, brethren, that in taking your educational collection, you do not forget to provide generously for the bright young men of our own beloved Peninsula who are studying to fit themselves for the work of our own Wilmington Conference.

IV.—FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We have great reason to rejoice and to thank God for the signal success of this Society in lifting up the lowly and illiterate, both white and colored, in our sixteen Southern States. It is doing a wonderful work in spite of prevailing racial prejudice, notwithstanding the rivalry and pressing claims of several other all-important and more generally popular benevolences of our Church. Prejudice against it on the Peninsula has been greatly modified, and mainly removed by extending its benefits to both races, and the assurance given that, while there is no law against their co-education, they are, of choice, practically separate in the schools.

It is a remarkable fact that, though organized only a few years ago, it already has forty-five institutions of learning under its direction, thirteen of which are of collegiate grade, and one is a Theological Seminary. In all these schools there were last year 9,065 students, of whom 166 were in regular college classes, 1,104 were in college preparatories, 523 were preparing for teaching, 277 were preparing for the ministry, and 273 were in the medical colleges. Two thousand nine hundred and three were in the musical classes. Hence, the days of ludicrously odd negro hymnology and unscientific vocal music are evidently well-nigh ended.

A great advance has been made in manual training and trade schools. In these, last year, there were 1,829 students, and hundreds have been fitted for mechanical and other industrial pursuits.

A vast field is open before this Society for cultivation, for within the territory where its institutions are planted there are 1,672,946 whites and 3,042,435 colored people who cannot write. The Methodist Episcopal Church has in the same territory 269,372 white members and 234,036 colored members, and our forty-five schools of higher education are giving ever-increasing elevation, influence and prestige to our Southern work.

We rejoice to learn that during the quadrennium just closed, the receipts of the Society, from all sources, have been \$981,197.18; only about half of which amount, however, came from Conference collections, the rest from bequests, etc.

The apportionment to our Conference this year is \$4,000. Let us earnestly endeavor to raise it, remembering that one of its institutions is on this Peninsula and another is in Baltimore.

We would call attention to *The Christian Educator* published by the Society. It is elegant in its typography, ably edited, full of interesting facts, and alive with educational items and ideas.

V.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League seeks to enlist the sympathy of the young, utilize the latent powers of the church, and direct them to fields of Christian benevolence. The throbbing achievements of this new organization justifies the action of the General Conference in adopting this child into the great family of Methodist institutions. This recognition on the part of our great law-making body should commend it to all our pastors. It is also the conviction of your committee that the church not only needs piety, but intelligent piety. In too many sections there is a want of appreciative devotion to the institutions and genius of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A well-organized Chapter on each charge would inspire our youth with intelligent denominational loyalty, which is both legitimate and necessary. We propose, through the efficiency of the Epworth League, to train the rising generation in the direction of loyalty to Methodism, for a "good Methodist is a good Christian." We would call the attention of all the Chapters to the reading course which is now being prepared and will be on sale at the Book Concern by the 15th of May. The League also provides for man's social nature. We claim that while the church must put the stamp of disapproval upon all diversions forbidden by the discipline, it is her serious duty to provide wholesome and instructive entertainment for the young. We commend to the consideration of all pastors the Junior League, an organization adapted to the needs of children under fourteen years of age.

The Epworth League in the Wilmington Conference is in a healthy and vigorous condition. Each district is thoroughly organized, and the increase in the number of Chapters and in the enthusiasm of our young people, indicates encouraging progress. There are in the bounds of this Conference eighty-five Chapters and 5,000 members.

The utility of the League is no longer a speculation, but an assured success. We rejoice in the visit of the General Secretary, Rev. Edwin A. Schell, Ph. D. His burning words will doubtless give an impetus to the work and we shall be glad to accord him a hearty reception whenever it may be convenient for him to return. We commend the Epworth Herald, the official organ of the League, for its vivacity, and the deeply spiritual tone which pervades its columns, and suggest that we make the Fourth Anniversary of the League the occasion of increasing its subscription list to 100,000, and we further pledge the Wilmington Conference to do its part. We heartily recommend the observance of the anniversary of the Epworth League on the 15th of May, by all the Chapters in the Conference, and request the pastors to use the prepared program as far as possible.

We would also call attention to the organization of the Conference League, which was effected March 17th. The following officers were elected for one year. R. K. Stephenson, President; H. W. Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer. The Presidents of the respective districts to be the Vice-Presidents of the Conference

League. These officers, together with the Presiding Elders, constitute the Cabinet. The anniversary, held on the evening of the 17th, was a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting. Rev. D. A. Jordan, of Brooklyn, President of the Second General Conference District, delivered an entertaining and telling address.

We heartily indorse the movement of Bishop Hurst to build at Washington a National University, and sincerely trust that every Epworthian will give his sympathy and support to this enterprise.

We would call attention to the fact that the report of the Committee on Epworth League last year recommended that columns in our minutes be devoted to the number of Chapters and members. This report was adopted, but the Conference blanks made no such provision. We therefore renew the recommendation and trust that our blanks will give us an opportunity to report on Epworth League as we do on Sunday Schools.

VI.—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The aim of this Society is to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work. Its work is both general and local. The general work consists of Industrial Homes, Missions among the Indians and also among the Mormons, Immigrant Girls' Homes and Deaconess' Homes.

The General Society reports for the year ending, November 1892, total receipts \$182,053.90. Our Conference Society for the past Conference year reports eighteen Auxiliaries and three Mission Bands. It has three beneficiaries, one in the Mother's Jewels Home, in York, Nebraska; one in the Ritter Home; in Athens, Tennessee, supported by the Willing Band, of Newark Church; and Selee Omasayah, an Indian girl, in the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess' Home and Bible School, Washington, D. C.

It supports a missionary in New Orleans. It has sent valuable supplies to various points in our Conference, and also to places in the South and West. It has expended in local work during the year, \$717.53. Estimated value of its supplies distributed, \$497.50. It has sent to the Treasury of the General Society \$1,031.36.

In view of the good done by this Society, and of the large opportunities for increased usefulness in our towns, and especially in Wilmington, we commend it to the favorable consideration of our people, and we trust that each pastor will heartily invite the officers of this one of our Disciplinary Benevolent societies and cordially welcome them to their several charges for organization and support. The Deaconess' Work under the auspices of this Society will prepare agencies that will be of great value in assisting our pastors, especially in our cities and towns, in reaching that non-church-going class of persons which is so difficult to bring within the influence of the Gospel. Complying with the expressed desire of the officers of the Society we recommend this Conference to appoint a Conference Board of nine to exercise a general control of the interests of this form of work.

VII.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was originated in a parlor in Boston on a rainy day in 1869, where Mrs. Dr. Butler and other returned missionaries had gathered to consider the necessities of their heathen sisters and how to meet them, has proven its right to exist by the remarkable growth it has made and the work it has done. In the first year of its existence it had 700 auxiliaries, at the close of its twenty-third year it has 5,481. It commenced with a few members, but now registers 144,364, 21,000 of whom are young people. They have by their 2 cents per week or \$1 per year per member, collected during the past year \$251,660, which with \$12,000 bequests, amounts to \$263,660 against \$4,000 the first year, which they have distributed to their sisters in darkness; and have since their organization raised from all sources over \$2,500,000. *The Heathen Woman's Friend*, under the inspiration of its accomplished editor, Mrs. Dr. W. F. Warren, whose death on Jan. 7, 1893, cast a gloom over the enterprise to which she had devoted the best years of her life, has reached a circulation of 20,000; and *The Heathen Children's Friend*, a circulation of 11,000, both of which should be in every home, and every woman and child of our Church should be in these societies. Their work is evangelical, benevolent and educational.

Much as has been accomplished along these lines, we regret to say that we as a Conference, have not measured up to our full responsibility in this great and good work, for while we have 168 pastoral charges, we only have thirty-six auxiliaries and nine bands making forty-five organizations, reporting this year \$2,077, an increase of \$615. We recommend that the pastors give special attention to securing organizations in the Churches throughout the Conference, where no organizations exist, so that if possible, in every society there may be either an auxiliary or a band, and as a means to this end, we recommend that its efficient secretary, Mrs. Julia E. Tomkinson, be invited to represent the work. The establishment of these auxiliaries and bands will not be hurtful to the Parent Missionary Society, it being noticed that where they exist the other flourishes.

VIII.—TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

1. The blighting curse of intemperance continues to exert its baneful influence upon the individual and national life of our people. No class of society is exempt from its direful ravages. Individual degradation, domestic discord, and social and political corruption are its legitimate offspring. It is the duty of our Church to maintain with unflinching firmness the doctrine of individual total abstinence, and to lead an aggressive warfare for the utter extermination of this great sin.

2. All methods of so-called restriction or regulation for the suppression of this vice have been proven inadequate as means, therefore, we discredit and denounce all systems of license, whether high or low, as "vicious in principle and powerless as remedies." We further believe it to be the duty of civil government to repudiate the liquor traffic by refusing to give legal sanction to, or accepting a money consideration from so iniquitous a business.

Both observation and the word of God confirm us in the opinion that "it can never be legalized without sin."

3. We believe that the only effective civil remedy for the evils of intemperance is the complete constitutional prohibition, by State and national enactment, of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. This position is the only one consistent with the teachings of the Bible, and in accord with the best interests of humanity. As preachers of the gospel we should make ourselves heard in advocacy of this wholesome doctrine both in the pulpit and on the platform.

And, at the ballot-box, where the most effective blows may be dealt in support of this reform, we should make ourselves examples to the people by voting with those parties and for those candidates who are pledged to this result.

4. We would call the attention of our ministers and members especially to the utterances of the Bishops in their last quadrennial address, and hereby express our earnest approval of the same, together with the resolutions of the General Conference on the subject of intemperance.

5. We deplore the "Army Canteen" system as established and maintained by our government at all its army posts, and believe it to be productive of much evil, unworthy of this great nation, and therefore should be abolished.

6. We recognize the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and all other temperance organizations as valuable auxiliaries in promoting this great reform and recommend for special consideration, the Christian Temperance Alliance, of Philadelphia, and we also recommend the organization of Leagues in all our Churches according to the plans of the Christian Temperance Alliance.

IX.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We desire, as a Conference representing a constituency of about forty thousand members, to place ourselves on record as being second to none in our reverence for the Lord's day, and in our effort to keep it holy. We feel assured that the continuance of our present form of government, and the maintenance of our free institutions, depend in large measure upon our observance of the Sabbath. We look with much concern and alarm upon the numerous attacks now being made upon the sanctity of the Sabbath, and believe that it is the duty of all Christians and law-abiding citizens, especially at this time, to defend this God-given institution.

We believe that every paper, religious and secular, ought to speak earnestly and often on this question.

We believe and earnestly advise that every pulpit in this Conference should utter no uncertain sound on this subject; and we recommend that on some suitable Sabbath in the early summer, special sermons be preached on this behalf. We strongly commend the authorities of our government for refusing the use of the Pension Building in Washington, D. C., for the inaugural concert on Sunday. We congratulate the Congress of the United States upon the firm stand which it took upon the question of closing the gates of the Worlds Fair on Sunday, thus saving our legislators, and the country, from everlasting contempt and disgrace.

We are glad also to know that the Commissioner who represents the State of Delaware in the Board of Directors of the Worlds Fair, has voted in favor of the Sabbath.

Recognizing the great value in the past, of the institution known as the camp meeting, and believing that it still may be made helpful in many ways, nevertheless we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that it offers to many a strong temptation and favorable opportunity to desecrate the Holy Sabbath in the name of religion. We sincerely hope that the managers of all such religious gatherings may do all within their power to stop this desecration. Far better to banish camp meetings from the face of the earth than to make them the occasion for a horse racing politico-commercial picnic. The inspiration of too many of the camp meetings of this Peninsula is the profits to be derived from the Sunday crowds.

We would urge our ministers and people to greater consistency in regard to Sunday travel. No Bishop, Presiding Elder, Minister or Layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church has any right to violate the law of the Sabbath by indiscriminate traveling on that day.

We are more than ever convinced that the Sunday newspaper is an unmixed evil; and is the cause of very many of our people remaining away from the church on the Lord's day, and for this reason it is to be condemned. The Sunday newspaper should never find its way into a Christian home.

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that an increasingly large majority of our Protestant population is not only indifferent to the claims of the Sabbath, but are not found in our houses of worship. Special efforts ought to be made to reach these unchurched people. We believe that cordial greetings and personal invitations on the part of the Church members themselves, united with hearty and strong gospel preaching, would in large measure solve this difficult problem.

X.—BIBLE CAUSE.

The work of the American Bible Society, from whose house there have been issued in the past year 1,150,000 of copies of the Word of God, printed in different languages and distributed both at home and abroad, is a source of pleasure and congratulation to those who believe that through the teachings of the Gospel "the desert is to rejoice and blossom as the rose."

We commend the activity displayed by our local societies in their work of distributing the Bible.

We regret to learn that a lack of funds has caused a suspension of the work in some parts of the field, and would urge in view of this condition of affairs, greater liberality on the part of our people in their contributions, and in order that we may regain the ground we have lost financially, we would suggest that our pastors open the way for a separate collection for this worthy cause.

We would recommend that all money raised and put in the hands of the treasurers of our local societies, except that actually needed for the work of local distribution, be turned at once into the treasury of the Parent Society.

We appreciate the work done by the Revs. W. W. Moffett and Thomas

Myers, in the capacity of agents, and believe that our pastors would be helped in raising money for this Society by opening their pulpits to these brethren.

XI.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Your Committee recognizes the fact that the Sunday-School is the training-school of the Church; and that the success of the Church in the future depends largely upon the character of the Sunday-Schools at the present and upon the fidelity with which they train the scholars. That the scholars may be trained to render the greatest efficiency, we would recommend:

1. That great care be exercised in the selection of officers and teachers. We think none should be employed in this capacity, who are not consistent Christians and whose intellectual attainments do not fit them to give instruction.

2. We recommend that the doctrines of our Church be more thoroughly taught in the Sabbath-School. We rejoice to see a department of Church catechism in our Sunday-School lesson helps, and we urge parents to see to it that those questions are carefully studied in the home. We are Methodists, and our young people ought to be able to explain why they are Methodists.

3. We suggest the formation of a Temperance and Anti-Tobacco Society in each Sunday-School within the bounds of our Conference.

4. Recognizing the growing tendency among our Sunday-Schools to protract the Children's Day exercises through two or three months during the Spring and Summer, thus demoralizing many of the schools and crippling them for the remainder of the year, we recommend that so far as possible the schools observe the day appointed by our Board of Education.

5. We would suggest that the plan of normal classes, for the better training of teachers, as presented by the Sunday-School Department of our Church, be approved, that they be organized wherever practicable, and registered at the office of the Sunday-School Union.

6. We would suggest the vast importance of both teachers and scholars giving more careful attention to the study of the lesson in the home. We urge that the Bible be used side by side with the lesson leaves in the study of the lesson.

7. We would condemn the use of the so-called cheap lesson helps, which are so often thrust upon our schools. We believe the publications of our own Church are second to none in this country.

8. About seventy-five per cent. of the membership of the average Church were converted under twenty years of age. We urge that the salvation of each scholar be the prayerful and persistent effort of every school.

9. We recommend that a strong effort be made to raise the eleven hundred dollars asked of this Conference by our Sunday-School Union. We are glad to report that but three charges failed to report a collection last year for this worthy cause, and we sincerely trust that each charge will report one next year. We regret, however, that the 165 contributing charges last year only averaged \$3.45 each, or one cent and nine mills for each member. We suggest that each charge raise at least three cents for each member and probationer next year

TRACTS.

Believing that tract distribution is like "Bread cast upon the waters" "which shall return after many days," we recommend:

1. That there be more systematic and prayerful use made of this evangelizing agency.

2. We urge the need for a large increase in the contributions for the Tract Society.

3. We call attention to the following facts:

1. Three charges in our Conference did not report a collection for this fund in 1892.

2. The 165 contributing charges only average \$3.25 each, or one cent and eight mills for each member.

3. We commend the Tract Society of our Church for the noble aid it has given the cause of missions, and for its generosity in granting to contributing charges supplies to the amount of one-half their contribution.

XII.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes general statement of the work of twenty-seven years.

The organization of this work, though directed by the General Conference of 1864, was not completed until the latter part of 1865, and the work really began in 1866.

From 1866 to March, 1893, the Board has collected and disbursed in round numbers (the exact figures change daily), \$4,720,000.

Of this, the general fund, derived chiefly from collections, but including special gifts for frontier churches, \$250 each, and Mountain Fund specials of \$100 each, contained for use by donations to churches, \$3,055,000.

The Loan Fund contains a permanent capital of \$805,000, and churches borrowing from it have returned an equal amount, \$860,000, which together amounts to \$1,665,000, making the aggregate above given, \$4,720,000.

With this the Board has aided 8,645 churches, more than one-third of the entire number owned by our Church.

Our Conference has shared in this work as follows:

The collections taken in our churches from the beginning, to November 1, 1892, the close of the fiscal year of the Board have aggregated \$33,968.54. Those reported to the Board in Philadelphia from November 1, 1892, to date, are \$2,380, making a total of \$36,348.54. Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1, 1892, the close of the last Church Extension year, to the number of eighty eight, by donations of \$16,970, and loans of \$4,100.

It is manifest that the efficiency and value of the Loan Fund depend upon the fidelity and promptness of churches borrowing from it, in meeting their obligations. To fail in this is a most serious fault, which the Board in Philadelphia, as custodians of the Fund, should not under any circumstance permit. We urge our churches to meet every obligation with the strictest fidelity.

Christianity in Earnest, being issued every two months, gives fresh and val-

uable information concerning Church Extension, and suggestive discussions of this and kindred subjects. It is a great help to the pastors, and a larger circulation among our people, especially our official members, would promote the interests of this cause.

Glad Tidings, with its service of song and condensed information, is pre-eminently adapted for a Church Extension service in every Church and Sunday School. We cordially recommend its use in taking the annual collections.

Church Architecture has been greatly improved under the auspices of the Board, and we earnestly advise all who contemplate building to avail themselves of the facilities which the Board has to offer,

In organizing new Churches and in taking titles to Church property, there should be great care to conform to the laws of the State and the discipline of the Church. The necessary information is now accessible to all in the book on Laws and Forms for Churches, prepared by Dr. A. J. Kynett. This and the necessary blank forms can be obtained of him.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We congratulate the Church upon the great work accomplished by our Board of Church Extension, and commend it to the enlarged liberality of all our people.

2. The fact that our country is new, that our population doubles in less than thirty years, so that within another quarter of a century we shall exceed a hundred millions of people, and that the powers of evil are intensely active, demand that the work of Church Extension shall be greatly enlarged in the quarter of a century to come.

3. To do this it is necessary that there shall be a large increase in our offerings to this great cause.

4. We call the attention of all the preachers to the publication known as *Christianity in Earnest* as containing important information upon this subject and recommend that it be generally patronized.

XIII.—CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to submit the following report:

Two meetings of the Board were held, the first at Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, on April 19, 1892, and the second in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Dover on June 29. The Treasurer's report indicated that the sum of \$2,756 had been paid in March to James Long, Esq., Treasurer of the Parent Board.

The following recommendations were made:—

For Donations—Cookman, Wilmington, \$400; Elk Neck, \$225; Delaney's, \$175; Piney Neck, \$150; Thompson's Chapel, \$150; Leipsic, \$275; Barren Creek, \$225; Hebron, \$150; Cordova, \$200; Parksley, \$200.

For Loans—Wesley, Wilmington, \$6,000; Leipsic, \$725; Barren Creek, \$200; Hebron, \$200.

The Parent Board was requested to transfer the grant of \$150 made to Bucktown to the benefit of Elliott's Island.

Donations have been made by the Parent Board as follows:

Golden Hill, Md., \$75; Baldwins, Md., \$75; Delaney, Del., \$175; Barren Creek, Md., \$225.

The following grants are on file at the General Office, the conditions not having as yet been met:

For Donations—Cordova, Md., \$200; Cookman, Wilmington, \$400; Thompson's Chapel, \$150; Leipsic, Del., \$275; Hebron, Md., \$150; Elk Neck, Md., \$225.

For Loans—Leipsic, Del., \$600; Hebron, Md., \$150.

Additional loans granted and paid in Wesley Church, Wilmington, \$5,000; Barren Creek, Md., \$225.

Other loans outstanding at the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1892, together with the dates on which they were made:

Locust Grove, 1881, \$190; Hallwood, 1886, \$267.33; Pittsville, 1887, \$75; Little Creek, 1887, \$600; Read's Wharf, 1888, \$250; Chincoteague Island, 1888, \$29 14; New Church, 1888, \$200; Hoopersville, 1890, \$150; Madison, 1890, \$250; Lakesville, 1890, \$300; Kenney Church, 1890, \$100.

Resolutions were adopted by the Board requesting fuller information in regard to the proximity of Churches asking aid, to other Churches, either of our own or of other denominations. Also, respectfully requesting the Bishop presiding at the present session of the Conference to adjust the nominations for the Conference Board so as to conform to the number named in the discipline.

XIV.—CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

In behalf of our Conference Historical Society, I can say we are more fortunate this year than last, in the fact that we have held our anniversary. The occasion was one of much interest. After devotional exercises a brief semi-centenary sketch of Middletown charge was read by the President of the society, giving notes of individuals and events in its history. This was followed by a sketch of old Chesapeake District by the Rev. N. M. Browne, pastor of our church in this place. He also presented a printed narrative of Methodism in this town and vicinity, both of which became the property of this society. Addresses were made by the Rev. Drs. Thomas and Hargis, and Brothers Crouch and Wiggins of the Philadelphia Conference. These addresses were interspersed with music. Dr. Phoebus and Brother Brindle each made remarks, and stated that he had a relic in reserve for our society. Two interesting relics were given me for the society by Brother Brown, consisting of a brick from the jail in Cambridge, Md., and a photograph picture of the jail. I am happy to report that a meeting of the managers of the society has been held—though few were present. We were encouraged by the Savior's promise respecting "two or three," and a committee was appointed to meet some time during the year at the call of the President in the city of Wilmington, for the purpose of revising the constitution of the society, and report at the next Conference. Our society is just closing its first decade, and has in its possession many relics and records of interest. And I would remind you, brethren, that our Conference territory abounds with memorials of various forms of great value, and they should not be left to moulder in oblivion. We must not forget that whatever we are, or possess, comes from the toilers of the past, and the character and success of the future depend

upon the use we make of the opportunities and facilities of the present. And let me conclude by saying we must emulate the vigilance of other Conferences in this work, if we hope to keep our place in the role of Christian chivalry. Let gratitude to the fathers of Methodism, respect for ourselves, zeal for our cause, and faithfulness to God, be to us a Holy inspiration.

XV.—CAMP MEETINGS.

We are not unmindful of the fact that camp meetings have constituted a great power and factor for good in the past history of our Church, and that they have contributed largely toward making Methodism the Church of the people. They have furnished an occasion for the awakening and conversion of many who otherwise, perhaps, would not have been reached. And while the same necessity for them to be does not exist now as formerly, when churches were scattered and few, nevertheless, they may still be sources and occasions of spiritual power. But that they are now oftentimes not only attended with but little power for good but are really detrimental to the Church and the cause of religion, is the conviction of many who are solicitous for the welfare of Zion. This detriment grows out of an unnecessary multiplication of them and the extension of them over so many Sabbaths, so that in some places the regular services of the Church and Sabbath-School are suspended for from four to six consecutive Sabbaths—out of the sale of the privileges to irresponsible parties who violate the Sabbath-Day for the purpose of pecuniary gain, and out of the conduct of the camp meeting by no authorized power of the Church. Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the expression of this Conference:

1. That one camp meeting is sufficient for a territory having a radius of twenty miles, and that it ought to occupy but one Sabbath, and if it be deemed necessary or desirable to have more than one camp within that territory that they be held simultaneously in order to avoid the suspension of the regular church services for so long a time.
2. That the camp meeting committee keep the conduct of the privileges within their own control in order to do away with the desecration of the Sabbath by Sunday selling that now so often obtains, and that the sale of tobacco and cigars be altogether disallowed.
3. That we will not give our aid and co-operation to any camp-meeting that is held without the sanction of the Quarterly Conference within whose bounds it is held, or some other properly constituted authority.

It is our solemn conviction that if the same means and energies now expended in camp meetings were expended in holding special services in the various churches the result would be much more satisfactory with none of the evils that accompany the former.

XVI.—CLASS MEETING.

Ever since the days when they that "feared the Lord spoke often one to another," the importance and precousness of the class-meeting have been practically recognized and affirmed by the most spiritual members of the Church of God. It is also enjoyed by believers in many branches of the Church, which do not formally set apart services exclusively for this purpose. It, however, remained for Methodism in carrying out its mission of spreading scriptural holiness over

these lands, to institute the class-meeting as one of its distinguishing features. It is also in evidence that the zeal and marvelous progress which marked the Methodistic movement in its early history were attributable in a large degree to this great aid to holy living. Certainly the Church has not outgrown the necessity for this means of grace, which in a distinctive way, so promotes heart-searching confession and true humility. The need for a general and habitual attendance upon class-meeting is as great to-day as it has ever been in the history of our denomination.

Your committee, without having at hand the necessary data for an exact report concerning the attendance of our people upon this means of grace, are yet sorrowfully compelled to believe that not more than one-fourth of our membership on this Peninsula are found regularly in the class-room.

We, therefore, as a means of restoring this mighty agency for good to its proper place in the thought and affection of our people, would respectfully recommend:

1. That we, as pastors, preach upon the subject, and set a good example to our members by frequent attendance upon the various classes in our churches, at the same time urging our people from house to house to be true to this time-honored and blessed service.

2. That greater attention be given to the qualifications of the leaders. Conceding the delicacy of the matter of readjustment, the pastor should endeavor to change any leader who may be found to be inefficient or unacceptable.

3. That leaders should have their attention called to the provisions of the Discipline which relate to their studies and to the method of conducting their meetings, and to the other advices which are designed to assist in making the services held by them fresh, spiritual and of permanent religious profit.

Amid all the various revivals which are blessing the Church of our love we devoutly pray that there may come upon us a class-meeting revival.

XVII.—TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church is not a Union of Conferences bound together by certain general interests, each under its own local legislation but is a *unit* from sea to sea and from the Gulf to Canada, and

WHEREAS, The division of the Church into Conferences is for convenience and effectiveness of administration. No peculiar rights or privileges inhere in any certain localities bounded by Conference lines, and

WHEREAS, Certain more favorably located Conferences strenuously oppose the free and easy working of the transfer system, thus interfering with the appointing power of the general Superintendency of the church, and

WHEREAS, The churches built expressly to be accommodated by the transfer system have thus far been true to the doctrine and polity of the church, and have greatly aided the local and general benevolences, nevertheless, we fear that the tendency to make real the rumor of a Star Conference with Star Churches is drifting towards an independent Methodism, thus destroying that unique fraternity, the Methodist itinerancy, to which the present generation owes so much, and

WHEREAS, Our fathers have taught us to regard our annual appointments as providential assignments to most blessed opportunities of preaching the whole gospel, we

deprecate this tendency that threatens to destroy faith in the integrity of the administration, and

WHEREAS, Some of the members of this Conference feel that it is easier for one than another to secure a transfer though equally deserving and anxious, therefore, be it Resolved, First, that every Methodist Episcopal preacher is eligible to any pastorate in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Second, While we recognize the convenience of boundaries we deny the right of barriers between Conferences.

Third, That the principle of appointment by the system of transfer is a vital part of the itinerant machinery, to be preserved as carefully as appointment by transfer from one Conference District to another.

4. That we note with great interest the growing custom of erecting churches within the bounds of Conferences to be supplied exclusively by transfers from other Conferences and fondly anticipate the multiplication of these churches until the supply shall equal the demand. If we must have star churches let no church star be constellated.

5. The peach orchards of this classic Peninsula teach us that trees from other states often bear better fruit when transplanted to this soil than do the trees of our own nurseries. In harmony with this lesson from nature we extend the hand of fellowship to all whom the Bishops transfer to us and will try to hinder none who can be transferred from us.

XVIII.—MISSIONS.

The appropriation of the General Missionary Committee to the Wilmington Conference amounts to \$800.00, distributed as follows:

DOVER DISTRICT.

Salem,	\$ 75 00
Dorchester Circuit,	125 00
Lakesville,	50 00
Total,	\$250 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Cape Charles,	\$200 00
Parksley,	200 00
New Church,	150 00
Total,	\$550 00

I concur in the foregoing missions and appropriations.

S. M. MERRILL.

XIX.—REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEES.

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders with the Missionary Society and the Domestic Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report:

Rev. L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, received from the Domestic Fund \$297.00. Distributed as follows:

Christiana, \$40; Hopewell, \$25; Kingswood, \$40; Elk Neck, \$20; Claymont,

\$40; Mt. Pleasant, \$25; East Lake, \$17; Silverbrook, \$25; Marshallton, \$40. Total, \$272.00. Balance in hand, \$25.00.

Rev. Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$250.00. Distributed as follows:

Ingleside, \$60; Bozman, \$25; Galena, \$25; Crumpton, \$25; Trappe, \$50; Royal Oak, \$30, (\$5 of this to Brother Galloway); Tunis Mills, \$35. Total, \$250.

Rev. Richard H. Adams, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from Parent Board \$300, which was paid out to the following charges:

Lakesville, \$50; Salem Circuit, \$100; Dorchester, \$150. Total, \$300.

Received from the Domestic Mission Fund \$145. Paid to the following charges:

Zoar, \$20; Georgetown Circuit, \$30; Dover Second Church, \$30; Dorchester Circuit, \$40; Lakesville, \$20; Salem Circuit, \$10; Little Creek, \$10. Total paid, \$160. Received, \$145. Paid out in excess of receipts, \$15.

Rev. W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, received from the Parent Board \$700. Paid to the following charges:

Cape Charles, \$150; New Church and Hallwood, \$150; Parksley, \$200; Reed's Wharf, \$149.67. Total paid out, \$649.67. Balance in hand, \$50.33.

Received from Domestic Mission Fund \$259. Disbursed as follows:

Stockton, \$50; Barren Creek, \$75; Parksley, \$14; Powellville, \$10; Sharptown, \$25; Hallwood, \$10; Fruitland, \$25; Princess Anne, \$50. Total, \$259.

We present the audit of the account of Rev. E. H. Nelson as custodian of the funds for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham with the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Received by Brother Nelson from the Wilmington Conference, \$290; from Mr. Carrow, \$126.89. Total receipts, \$416.89.

Paid out as follows To George Jones, Steward of the Hospital:

From April 12 to July 12, 1892, \$104.89; from July 12 to October 11, 1892, \$104; from October 11 to January 10, 1893, \$104; from January 10 to April 11, \$104. Total, \$416.89.

We have also audited the account of the Conference Treasurer and found that he received for the year 1892 the sum of \$43,144.72, and paid out the sum of \$43,136.07, for which he has vouchers, leaving a balance of \$8.65, carried to account of present year.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society, would report that they have examined said accounts and found them correct and sustained by proper vouchers.

XX.—ABSTRACT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN EXHIBIT.

CAPITAL.

Eastern Concern	\$2,025,487 39
Western Concern	1,241,746 77
Total	\$3,267,234 17
Gain	136,278 07

SALES.

Eastern Concern	\$1,076,451 41
Western Concern	1,012,862 80

Total \$2,089,314 21

PROFITS.

Eastern Concern	\$103,219 05
Western Concern	124,895 36

Total \$228,114 41

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Men and results cannot always be estimated by figures. There is that steady rise and advance in influence and power which no arithmetic can compute, nor circumstances deny.

Wilmington District lays its sheaves at the feet of the Divine Husbandman. They have been gathered from forty-two fields, some of them rich and fertile, yielding a hundred fold, some sixty, while others yielded thirty fold. The toilers are here, faithful and true, they have sown early and late, day and night; some of them doubtless with tears, but they all come rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them.

In the early part of the Conference year Bro. Walter E. Avery, who had just entered upon his fifth year at Mt. Salem, was strongly urged to take charge of our church at Easton, Md., made vacant by the removal of Dr. Wilson. After consultation with Bro. Smith, the Presiding Elder of Easton District, and the Official Board of Mt. Salem Church, and with the consent and approval of Bishop Andrews, the change was effected, and Bro. Stephen M. Morgan, Jr., pastor of Hillsboro Circuit, was appointed to fill the vacancy at Mt. Salem. He at once entered upon the work and his labors have given great satisfaction. The charge not only holds her position along all lines, but is advancing, under the pastor's intelligent and well directed efforts.

In September, Brother C. H. Kershaw, a local preacher, who had successfully served as a supply at East Lake and Edgemoor, resigned to attend Dickinson College. Brother J. D. Rigg, who was granted a supernumerary relation at the last Conference, was appointed to this work. He entered upon the task with his usual tact and vim, and soon endeared himself to all. But late in the Autumn he was stricken down with a severe attack of pneumonia, which incapacitated him for all work, and he was compelled to relinquish his charge. Since that time the work has been in the hands of Brother Moses Bullock, a local preacher of Brandywine Church, who has rendered faithful service.

With the exception of Brother Rigg, who I am glad to report has recovered sufficiently to be able to attend the sessions of this Conference, the health of our preachers on this district has, in the main, been good. Brother Layfield was, for a little while, on the sick list, but soon rallied, and closes a successful year of hard work on Zion circuit. Brother Bowman, pastor of Silverbrook, was also

disabled for a little season from an attack of malaria, but he now rejoices in his usual health.

Mrs. Julia A. S. Conner, wife of Brother James Conner, passed from earth and suffering, to heaven and reward after a lingering illness, on the 29th of last April, at the Parsonage of Mt. Lebanon Church. She had scarcely become settled in her new home before the doors of her heavenly mansion were opened for her reception. Her body was laid away to rest in the cemetery at Barrett's Chapel, on the 2d of May, Brothers Quigg, Terry, Rawlins and McFarlane, assisting in the burial service. A suitable memoir will be read by Brother Terry.

First in importance is the revival work. Every charge held special services some time during the year for the conversion of souls. While the results may not be commensurate with the effort in every case, yet good was accomplished in the quickening of the spiritual life, and in the edification and instruction of believers. At North East the work has been marvelous. This town of 1,200 inhabitants has been shaken by the power of God. Before the meeting began last fall, the pastor, Brother Koons, canvassed the town, visiting every home, and urged the people to come to the meeting. He also visited the stores and saloons and requested them to close their places of business in the evening so that all might have an opportunity to hear the gospel. His request was complied with, even the liquor saloons closing their doors that the gospel might have right of way. Over 150 souls were converted, and nearly all united with the church.

Sylmar, Brother Bryan, pastor, was also visited last fall by a gracious and powerful revival, which continued for several weeks, resulting in nearly fifty conversions. The pastor was in labors abundant, walking about 150 miles during these meetings, visiting and praying with the people. Such earnest work for God and souls must always meet with the divine blessing.

In January last, Moody and Sankey, by invitation of the churches of Wilmington, held revival services in the Rink building in that city for three weeks. The power of the Holy Ghost was manifest to convict and convert. Hundreds were reached who had not attended church. All our churches, not only in the city, but many in the country, felt the blessed influence of these meetings, and the harvest has been reaped in the numbers who have given their names to the various churches. This great meeting was followed by revival services throughout the city, and many have been born again through these efforts. Old Asbury, upon whose altars the revival fires never go out, comes to Conference with a roll of 225 probationers. God has honored their faith and blessed them for bringing more tithes into his store-house, in increasing the salary of their faithful and energetic pastor to \$1,500.

Kingswood comes next with an addition of 175 to the church this year. This church, which is rapidly coming to the front among our city charges, has also increased the salary of its popular pastor. Perhaps, never in the history of this church has it been in a better condition. The membership is thoroughly aroused and souls converted at nearly every service.

The tide of prosperity runs high at Grace Church and the devoted pastor, Dr. Dobbins, finishes his second year amid a blaze of revival glory. This church re-

ports 125 probationers, while Union, St. Paul's Brandywine, Scott, Madeley, Cookman, Silverbrook, Wesley, East Lake, Harrison Street, Mt. Salem, city; and New Castle, Port Deposit, Elk Neck, Elkton, Stanton, Salem, Chesapeake City, Bethel and Summit, Red Lion and Glasgow, Newport, Chester-Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Cherry Hill, Hopewell, Zion Circuit, Charlestown Circuit, Claymont, Delaware City, Hockessin and Ebenezer, Mt. Lebanon and Union, Newark and Wesley, St. George's, indeed every charge has received more or less of the revival showers. I am not able to give the precise number of conversions, this will appear in the statistics, but the glorious uplift of the churches into a higher life, the sanctification of believers, the regenerated hearts and the transformed homes, no figures can adequately set forth. When it is remembered that much of this revival work has been done amid the snow and cold of a winter unsurpassed for severity in the history of the Wilmington Conference, the results will appear the more marvelous and gratifying, and the determination of Methodist preachers to lift this world up to the Eternal Throne the more manifest. As I have traveled throughout the district, I have endeavored to lay special emphasis upon this part of a preacher's work, the salvation of souls.

Two camp meetings were held during the year, Brandywine Summit, under Brother Isaac Jewell, and Woodlawn, under the charge of Bro. J. E. Bryan. They were seasons of spiritual and social enjoyment, and some souls were saved.

On Sunday, June 26th last, the neat and attractive little church at Elsmere, at Wilmington and Northern Junction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was dedicated, Drs. Dobbins and Hubbard, of Wilmington, assisting the pastor, Bro. A. S. Mowbray. The total cost of this church property is about \$3,400. Of this amount the cash, subscriptions and donations realized about \$2,400, leaving a mortgage of \$1,000 on the building. Great credit is due to the pastor and the noble little band who stood by his side.

At Baldwin's, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, an attractive chapel has been erected. The dedicatory services were held on the 27th of November, Bros. Jewell, I. L. Wood and the Presiding Elder, assisting the pastor, Brother Hunter. The total cost of \$1,200, was provided for, the Church Extension Society donating \$75.00 from its Mountain Fund. This church is planted in the midst of a growing industrial community, the pay roll of the mills amounting to \$30,000 per month, and it is destined to be a centre of religious influence and power in the years to come.

Early in the Conference year, Epworth charge in Wilmington, led by the earnest, perserving pastor, Brother Jewell, determined to remove to a better locality and build. A desirable lot, at the corner of Tenth and Lombard streets, was purchased at \$6,000. The corner stone was laid on October 6th, Rev. Drs. Hulburt of Philadelphia, Dobbins and Hubbard, of Wilmington, and the Presiding Elder, assisting the pastor. A beautiful and commodious building of brick, with dark stone trimmings, of the Roman-Greco style of architecture, is nearing completion. The lecture room has been fitted up and is now occupied by the Sunday-School and congregation. It has a seating capacity of about 700. The main auditorium will seat nearly 1000.

The whole building is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. This structure is unique and presents an imposing appearance. For taste, style and finish it is scarcely surpassed by any church in the city. The dedication will probably take place some time in April or May. Great credit is due the pastor and his self-sacrificing and devoted members, who in the face of difficulties and hindrances, which at times seemed almost insurmountable, have persevered in their efforts, until now they occupy a building which, with the parsonage attached, is worth about \$26,000. The parsonage, when completed, will be a comfortable home for Epworth's pastor, having all the modern conveniences. Its dimensions are 18x49, three-story with Mansard roof. This parsonage is valued at \$4,000, and when occupied there will be only \$700 against it.

Silverbrook, one of the young and growing churches of Wilmington, in order to give more room to their increasing Sunday-School and congregation, also resolved last Spring to "rise up and build." Brother Joseph Pyle had previously donated a lot, worth about \$4,000, and added to this a subscription of \$1,000. This so encouraged the members that plans were secured and work begun in the summer. The corner stone was laid October 15th, Rev. Dr. Dobbins and T. E. Terry, of Grace and St. Paul's Churches, and Rev. W. P. Swartz, of the Central Presbyterian Church, assisting the pastor. The building, which is of granite, will be completed sometime in May, and will cost about \$20,000 especial attention has been paid to the Sunday-School room, which is one of the most commodious and neatly arranged rooms in the city.

The city is growing in this direction, and with this new, handsome church, in a desirable location, there is no reason why Methodism should not keep pace with the march of progress. Too much credit cannot be given to Brother Joseph Pyle and Joseph H. Coley, who with counsel and means have sustained the pastor and membership in this enterprise. Brother Bowman, the pastor, is to be congratulated upon the promising future of this his first charge in our Conference.

Cookman, whose society has for about eight years been worshipping in a rented store-room on Scott street, some time since purchased a lot, worth about \$2,500, not very far from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on Railroad avenue. They have money sufficient to pay the last installment on it and are preparing to build a plain brick chapel, to cost about \$5,000.

Harrison Street Church, organized in October, 1891, in two rooms in a rented house, under the jurisdiction of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, has collected and expended in the eighteen months of its history, about \$7,000. A splendid lot, at the corner of Seventh and Harrison streets, was purchased for \$4,200, which has since been paid. Ground will be broken in a few weeks for a stone chapel, to seat about 600, to be heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The estimated cost is about \$12,000, \$2,000 of which is already in sight. This, the youngest child of Methodism in Wilmington, is already growing and in course of a few years will be a strong charge. This noble little band, led by the wide-awake pastor, know how to work and sacrifice and never talk of failure. Much of the success of this enterprise is due to the counsels and labors of Brother Jabez Hodson, a local preacher of St. Paul's Church, who has been "instant in

season and out of season," in his efforts to nurse this child into strength and vigor.

A large and desirable lot has been secured at Mashallton, at a cost of \$150, upon which, in the near future, a parsonage will be built.

Christiana Church was re-opened June 26th, after having been closed for several weeks. In the meantime the building had been thoroughly renovated and beautified, re-frescoed, painted, etc., at a cost of \$800. The re-opening services were conducted by Bros. Hanna, Terry and Wood, assisting the pastor, Brother Eiswald, to whose energy and perseverance these improvements are largely due. The total cost has been paid and the church is free from debt.

Grace Church, Wilmington, was closed during the summer for improvements. This handsome edifice was re-frescoed in pleasing colors, electric lights put in, steam heaters taking the place of hot air furnace, audience and Sunday-School rooms re-carpeted, pews painted, and other improvements added, at a cost of \$11,400, all of which was assumed by the Trustees, so that on the day of re-opening there was no special collection lifted. Revs. Dr. W. J. Stevenson, of Reading, and Dr. J. E. Smith, of Trenton, former pastors, assisted the pastor, the former preaching in the morning and the latter in the evening.

Wesley Church, Elk Neck, has been carpeted, painted and a new roof put on at a cost of \$350, all of which has been paid. On the day of re-opening, Sunday, October 16th, Bros. Wood, of Elkton, and Koons, of North East, assisted the pastor, Bro. Edwin Gardner.

At Elkton, a new pipe organ has been put in the church, together with new chairs for the choir and new carpet for the pulpit, at a cost of \$1,100, which has been paid.

Union Church, in Wilmington, keeps step to the march of improvements. The commodious audience room has been recarpeted, cushions newly upholstered, a new pipe organ has been bargained for and will in a few weeks be put in. The re-opening services will be held early in May. The total cost of these improvements, \$3,000 will be provided for before the day of re-opening.

In October last, a lot adjoining East Lake Chapel was purchased at a cost of \$300. This will enable this young charge to enlarge its borders at an early date. In October, a new roof was put on Asbury Church, on Charlestown Circuit, at a cost of \$150, nearly all of which has been paid.

At St. John's Church, on Zion Circuit, new heaters have been placed in the basement, which enabled the people to worship in comfort during the extreme cold of the past winter. The cost, \$150, has been met.

Zion Church, on the same Circuit, has also undergone a thorough overhauling. New chairs have taken the place of the old benches, new and modern windows of stained glass, new heating apparatus, etc., at the cost of \$1,100. The re-opening services will be held in a few weeks.

A new roof has been put on Hopewell Church at a cost of \$122, no debt.

The parsonage at Zion has been improved at a cost of \$100.

Improvements on the parsonage at Newark amount to \$120.

A new porch has been added to the parsonage at Port Deposit, at a cost of \$188 which greatly improves the property.

St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, was dedicated in March, 1844. Next year will be its 50th anniversary. The Quarterly Conference has appointed a semi-centennial committee of nine, with the pastor as chairman, to arrange for a proper observance of the event. It is also in contemplation to improve the church property this year by putting in a new front, new pews, new carpets, etc., at probable cost of \$10,000.

As stated by my predecessor in his report of last year, Madeley charge subscribed \$1,600 towards lifting the mortgage of \$3,000 which the Sunday School Union of Grace Church holds against the property. Although poor in this world's goods they are rich in faith, and led by their faithful pastor, Dr. Waddell, they have this year raised about \$800 of this amount, besides assuming the entire responsibility of paying their pastor's salary.

Hockessin and Ebenezer charge has paid about \$500 on the Parsonage debt, leaving but a small balance to be paid.

St. Paul's has paid off a mortgage of \$1,500, which for several years rested on the Parsonage.

Hopewell charge paid this year on Parsonage debt \$460, leaving a balance of but \$240.

Salem, on Christiana Circuit, has also paid off an indebtedness of \$50, which has been on the church for some time.

Wesley Church, Wilmington, raised this year over \$1,100 on its mortgage debt of \$6,000. Through the superior financial management of Brother Quigg, the pastor, this result was secured, and a loan of \$4,000 from the Church Extension Society, secured by mortgage on the church. The society at Wesley is weak financially, but strong in energy and purpose. Daylight is just ahead.

Kingswood Church is anxiously looking forward to the time when they will be able to complete their audience room. Their present quarters in the Lecture Room are entirely inadequate to accommodate the large and growing congregation. They have raised over \$1,200 this year towards reducing the church debt. Under Brother Dulany's pastorate this church has had a remarkable growth.

The total cost of church buildings already finished, and those to be completed this year, foots up the magnificent sum of over \$50,000. Estimated cost of contemplated buildings, \$22,500; church improvements, nearly \$20,000; debts paid, \$3,500; making a grand total of about \$96,000, which our people of this district are willing to lay at the feet of the world's Redeemer, as a slight token of their gratitude for mercies received, and as an evidence of their faith in God and Methodism.

Notwithstanding the large amounts paid for building and improvements, the benevolences have received due attention. There may be a falling off in some charges, owing to the extreme cold of the winter, impassable condition of the roads, and other hindering causes which could not be overcome. At Port Deposit, there were no church services for several weeks, owing to the water and ice thrown into the town from the Susquehanna river. In some cases there is a lack

of appreciation on the part of the people of the needs and magnitude of the work. The amounts contributed, however, represent the earnestness and faithfulness of the preachers, and the liberality of the people who are generally ready to respond when the facts are given them.

There are fourteen Chapters of the Epworth League on the District. In nearly every charge the young people are organized under some name. These organizations give excellent drill to the young Soldiers of the Cross, and are decided aids in the development of Christian character. They have helped the pastor in revival services and in some instances given substantial financial aid. In May, a District Convention of Epworth League Chapters was held at Newport, which was an occasion of much interest. The reports showed growth and advancement. Rev. Isaac Jewell was elected President, and Rev. J. P. Otis Secretary. These officers have given attention to their respective duties and report the work well organized.

I regret that the liquor traffic is still entrenched within the territory of the Wilmington District. Although efforts have been made to dislodge this foe of all good, yet he has not been driven from his entrenchments. Our preachers are loyal to the cause of prohibition, their pulpits give forth no uncertain sound on this subject. Our members, I believe, are in full sympathy with the Episcopal address of 1892, in which it is declared that "the saloon is an unmixed evil, full of diabolism, a disgrace to our civilization, the chief corrupter of political action, and a continual menace to the order of society and the peace and purity of our homes." They also stand by the declarations of the discipline, that "the Church of God ought to be known always and everywhere as the relentless and uncompromising foe of this ungodly business, and that it is the duty of every Christian to wage ceaseless warfare against it."

This report would be incomplete did I fail to mention the work the "elect ladies" are doing. In some charges they are the most faithful and reliable of stewards, attending carefully to the finances, removing all apprehension from the mind of the pastor as to a deficiency in his salary at the end of the year. Two missionary organizations are maintained by these Christian women, the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, the former has twenty auxiliaries on the District. These societies are wisely superintended and managed by Mrs. W. E. Tomkinson, and Mrs. N. M. Browne, respectively, by their prayers, offerings and sacrifices, they are sustaining God's servants in foreign fields, and blessing and purifying the home in our own land.

The record of the year is made up. May the Great Head of the Church continue to bless His servants who have toiled, and the people to whom they have ministered. With heart-felt thanks to preachers and laymen for their kindness and appreciation, I respectfully submit this, my first annual report.

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

EASTON DISTRICT.

First of all I desire to thank God for his goodness and mercy toward us, in that life and health, for the most part have been preserved, and heavenly breezes

given by which we have been borne along safely and successfully to the end of another year's voyaging. Only one of our ministers having died during the year, Brother Jas. L. Houston a superannuate of this Conference and who has been in the itinerant harness more than fifty years died at the home of his daughter near Trape, Talbot County, Md., September 18, 1892, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, Del., of which he was a member. A suitable memoir has been prepared by Brother Martindale. Death also came to the parsonage at Church Hill and stole away the infant son of Brother and Sister Watkins. Brother Geoghegan at Wye and Starr and Brother Devenish at Hillsboro, have been afflicted with long and painful illness but they are at last restored to health again.

The plan of the work has remained as fixed by the Bishop, except in a few cases. Easton, in consequence of the transfer of Dr. J. A. B. Wilson to the New York East Conference, was left without a supply. Brother Walter E. Avery, of Mt. Salem, was sent to Easton, taking up the work there about the first of May, since which time every interest of the charge has been looked after and the year closes with Easton's splendid record of the past unbroken. Brother S. M. Morgan, Jr., was taken up from Hillsboro to fill Brother Avery's place at Mt. Salem, and Brother Jas. A. Brindle a supernumerary, residing at Hillsboro, was put in charge of Hillsboro till after arrangements could be made. Early in July I was fortunate enough to secure the services of Brother O. W. Devenish as a supply for Hillsboro for the remainder of the year. Brother Devenish has done good work and the year closes at Hillsboro in good shape. In consequence of some disagreement as to the plan for preaching it was found necessary early in the year to let Piney Neck and Rock Hall change off as a separate charge. Piney Neck has since been supplied by W. M. Lister, a local preacher, and the plan seems to be working fairly well. The old Jumptown Church, near Ridgeley, Caroline County, Md., in the early part of the fall, was resurrected. It has been closed for the last eighteen years. Brother Jas. A. Brindle was put in charge. Since then they have organized a good Sunday-School, had a revival, and now again after their long sleep take their place in the line of march.

Four new churches have been projected, viz: Cheswold on Smyrna Circuit, Delaney's on Sassafras and Masseys Circuit, St. Paul on Cecilton Circuit, and Betterton on Still Pond Charge. The one at Cheswold has been finished at a cost of \$3,359, and was dedicated on the 2d day of October free of debt. The success of this church enterprise is almost without a parallel. The building itself is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever," and in addition to this it is elegantly carpeted, seated and lighted, making it one of the most attractive and beautiful churches anywhere to be found. Let it be understood, too, that this is not a new church on an old site. Cheswold has never before had a church. They had formerly worshiped at Bethel, a grand old country church one mile and a quarter away. Cheswold with her new church all paid for, will start her separate existence as a society at the beginning of the next Conference year with a membership of about seventy-five and a Sunday-school of 100, and with a preacher all

their own. The success of this enterprise has been largely due to the perseverance and liberality of a few godly laymen at Cheswold.

The church at Delaney also has been completed at a cost of \$1,000 which has been paid, except \$150. This church takes the place of the old one, only on a new site just across the road. It is a good substantial church, and represents splendid self-sacrifice.

The Church of St. Paul, on Cecilton charge, is not yet finished. Work had to be suspended on account of the cold weather. This is to be a magnificent church when completed, costing, perhaps, four or five thousand dollars. Already \$3,253 have been paid on it, and the work as far as it has gone is paid for. It will be finished and dedicated, free of debt, as soon as the weather will permit. And it is just possible that not even a collection will need to be taken on the day of dedication. This is a splendid achievement. The church at Betterton is also unfinished. It will cost, when complete, about \$1,000, and means a great deal for the faithful pastor at Still Pond and his brave little band at Betterton.

Improvements have been made upon the churches at Kings Creek, Middletown, Oxford, and Smyrna. At the latter two places the improvements have been extensive and elegant. At Oxford, the church has been newly carpeted, frescoed, and painted, making the church more attractive and beautiful. Those improvements cost \$550, all of which has been paid or provided for. At Smyrna, the lower part of the church has all been made new. New frescoing, new Brussels carpet, and new seats of the latest and most improved style. The cost is \$1,000, most of which has been paid.

Only one new parsonage has been built on the district during the year, and this is at Sudlersville. It is, however, a commodious and elegant one, costing about \$3,500. Unfortunately a debt of about \$1,200 is left on this property. Improvements have been made upon the parsonages at Middletown, Greensboro, Marydel, Smyrna Circuit and Tilghman's Island. Again have Brother William Taylor and wife showered their gifts upon the parsonage at Middletown, which, together with the generous gifts of the Mite Society, make the Middletown parsonage, with one single exception, perhaps, the most elegantly furnished preacher's home in the Conference.

Every dollar of the old debt on the church at Easton has been paid, and the same may be said of the old debt on the parsonage at Marydel, and thus the work of building, repairing and paying old debts on churches and parsonages, has gone steadily on, and in these stringent times this showing represents splendid work for both preachers and people.

The increase in apportionments for pastor's salaries this year, amounted in the aggregate to about \$1,000, and in most instances, apportionments have been met. We have had a few splendid advances. Bayside and Tilghman's, which paid \$600 together, as separate charges have this year paid in the aggregate \$900. King's Creek went up from \$400 last year to \$600 this, and has paid it. Marydel and Still Pond increase \$100 each, and Appoquinimink and Salem, \$50 each. In several places, however, we have had a serious falling off, which fact strongly emphasizes the necessity for an increase in our Domestic Mission Fund,

in order that the Presiding Elders might have the wherewith to help these deserving brethren in hard places. The Easton District ought to have, at the very least calculation, \$500 Domestic Mission Funds for this purpose.

We have on the district, seventeen Chapters of the Epworth League, and a reported membership of 1,125. This young society, in many places, is doing splendid work, and is full of promise for the future. A very helpful and enthusiastic District Convention was held at Chestertown in September. New Chapters have been organized at Tilghman's Island, Broad Creek, or Talbot Circuit, and Middletown.

The district organization is well officered, with Brother V. S. Collins at the head, and even better things may be looked for in the future.

We are proud to say that the larger part of the territory embraced in the Easton District is exempt to a large degree from the blighting curse of the rum traffic, through prohibitory legislation in the form of local option. Caroline, Queen Anne, Kent and the larger part of Talbot County, Md., have no legalized saloons. One District of Talbot, however, is cursed beyond estimate by the presence of about a dozen of these sinks of iniquity, and it is estimated that they swallow up not less than \$40,000 worth of the material resources of the county annually, to say nothing of the moral, social and intellectual ruin wrought by them. At some time during the year I have preached on prohibition in nearly all the charges of the District. The pastors in most cases have done the same thing in their own pulpits. In addition to this about 3,000 copies of the report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition of the last General Conference at Omaha have been distributed throughout the District. We entertain the hope that at no distant day, a Temperance League, such as suggested by the last General Conference may be organized in every church on the District.

From the information gathered from the various pastors on the District, it looks now as though the benevolences would not be in advance of last year. Missions will again touch about the \$5,000 mark. This will still keep us in the first grade among the Districts of the church, and if the whole church were paying per capita what we are, our missionary offering would reach the handsome sum of \$1,500,000; \$5,000, however, for missions on the Easton District during the past year means splendid self-sacrifice. We have been face to face with hard conditions. Total failure of the peach crop, low prices for grain, and an almost total failure of the oyster business. In spite of these things, however, many of the charges have maintained their high standard of the past, and in a few cases we have had splendid advances. Tilghman's Island goes up from \$23 for missions last year to \$60 this; King's Creek goes up from \$45 to \$60; Marydel goes up from \$45 to \$60, and Smyrna Circuit, which under the pastoral charge of Rev. R. K. Stephenson has made a steady increase in all the benevolences during the past four years again goes ahead of apportionments and even ahead of any of the splendid years of the past. In quite a number of instances, however, there has been a serious falling off, and that too, in spite of our best endeavor. The people are loyal and the preachers are faithful to all these interests, and as soon as there comes relief from the hard conditions which now confront us, we will again speed away to greater achievements.

Revivals! Ah this is the inspiring theme! Out of these whitened harvest fields the gleaners have gathered during this Conference year not less than 1,300 sheaves for the garner on high. Over 1,100 of whom have been received on probation. Ah, better still, doubtless some have already crossed over and are to-day safe on the shining shore. Last year we reported 900 conversions and 800 probationers. This year an increase of 400 conversions and 300 probationers.

Revivals have been almost universal. There is scarcely a charge that does not report a score or more of souls saved. Smyrna Circuit, Centreville, Marydel, Oxford, Talbot Circuit, Bayside, Tilghman's Island and Ingleside report fifty or more conversions. In a few instances these revivals have been of wonderful scope and power. At Ferry Neck on Royal Oak charge, the meeting ran for twelve weeks and resulted in the conversion of sixty souls. The church was only a handful and dead at that, the neck narrow and sparsely settled. Sixty souls in such a place is a modern miracle. The church is resurrected and takes a lease of life for another generation. Brother R. Irving Watkins, at Church Hill, reports 148 conversions. All the churches on the Circuit have been blessed, but Spaniard's Neck, an appointment for many years in decline, has been literally restored to strength and beauty again. Brother Browne at Middletown, reports the largest ingathering, about 160 converted and 136 joined on probation, and the good work still going on. Brother Browne has been assisted in this meeting by Brother Wm. K. Galloway, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. The whole town has been stirred, some of the meetings have been truly wonderful. The old time power has fallen upon the people and the shout of new born souls has been heard.

At Smyrna they have also had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Brother Galloway has also assisted Brother Wilson. About one hundred souls have already been converted, and the meeting still goes on. Last Sunday without doubt the most memorable day in the history of the Smyrna church, sixty-nine souls were converted during the day. Perhaps not less than forty at the morning service alone. And they did not simply hold up their hands, or arise for prayer, or go into an inquiry room. They came to the mourner's bench where amid tears and groans they found the Savior. So it has been in every place. The brethren have devised no easy method. It has been by the old time method of urging men to repent and believe, to "go down" and "get through," to be born again and become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Thank God the Methodist Episcopal Church is still a revival church, and the glory of her ancient days has not departed from her. Wherever and whenever the simple old gospel, all on fire of love, is preached, souls are sure to be saved. Nor do we need any new method of preaching it. What we do need, in order to its highest efficiency, is a new pentecost upon the pulpit and upon the pew. O, may it come upon us while we tarry at this Jerusalem for a few days.

ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Dover District holds on her way of aggressive evangelism. The asperities which one year ago so seriously disturbed the church have materially softened, and grave apprehensions have given place to settled hopefulness, and but for a variety of local conditions, at times seemingly insuperable, there would have been marked development throughout the District.

Drought affecting the cereal products in one section, the almost total destruction of the crop of various fruits in others, followed by a winter unequaled in severity for a quarter of a century, have been difficulties that challenged the best wisdom and energy of preachers and laymen to overcome. The churches in Dorchester County have suffered immensely. The oyster having gradually supplanted the agricultural interest, and hundreds of families being solely dependent upon it, the closing of the oyster grounds by ice for six of the most lucrative weeks of the season, was to the oystermen an appalling disaster. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars would not replace the losses sustained by Cambridge, Beckwith, Church Creek, Hooper's Island and Elliott's Island. To tranquilize the perturbed state of mind prevailing upon the District, re-adjust the relation of disaffected churches, and counterwork the effect of the seasons, without decline in any interest, or retreat from any advanced position, has been an arduous task. During the year the health of the preachers and their families has been well preserved, and yet we have not been without solemn reminders of our mortality. Four of our co-laborers, one active, two supernumeraries and one superannuated have joined the host of immortals.

Camp meetings were held at Camden, Concord, Beckwith, Ennall's, Sand Hills, Zoar and Crapo, with only meagre results, excepting the meetings at Concord, Ennall's and Zoar, the influence of which extended to adjoining churches; but disorganization of Sunday-schools and congregations was largely the baneful fruitage of the other gatherings. The most successful of these meetings was at Ennalls' in charge of M. D. Nutter, with Evangelists Fuller and Galloway as helpers.

M. D. Nutter, one of our growing young men, has been prostrated for weeks, attributed to over-work during the days of intense heat at Ennalls' camp, but now convalescent, the hope is entertained that he will be able to resume his work. Childrens' Day was observed by a large number of our Sunday-schools; the services were interesting and the gatherings large, but prolonged from Sabbath to Sabbath, many schools were disrupted and failed to recover. These services held on different Sundays for six weeks, tend like camps, to make Sabbath tramps of our young people.

Could we confine them to two Sabbaths, and require our schools to observe these days, we should correct much of the perversion of the real purpose, and escape these damaging results.

The Epworth League, thoroughly re-organized upon the district, gives promise of efficiency and usefulness. Chapters have been formed in most of our large towns and a few of the larger country churches; the young people are becoming interested in Bible study, the doctrines and history of the church and the du

of a christian life. Among the appointments W. F. Dawson is closing a successful pastorate at Beckwith. The indebtedness on their elegant parsonage has been paid and the church at Speddin's slightly repaired. At Bridgeville, W. P. Comp-ton, pastor, the old church property has been sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of the indebtedness against their new church, the parsonage has been rendered more comfortable by the addition of a new porch and furniture; and an addition of 25 probationers to their membership has been made.

Burrsville reports thirty probationers, valuable additions to the Sunday-school libraries, the purchase of two new organs, more furniture for the parsonage and an improved organization in the several churches, J. E. Graham, pastor.

Cambridge reports sixty conversions, a lien of \$700 against the parsonage paid, an active Chapter of the Epworth League, and a children's class of one hundred instructed by the pastor, thirty of whom have intelligently accepted Christ and given themselves to the church. Amid a stringency such as rarely prevailed in any community, J. H. Howard has gathered for the benevolences with some industry, but reports only \$250 for missions, or one-half the amount contributed last year.

P. H. Rawlins, at Camden, closed his term of five years with the churches of the circuit, complete in their organization, and in excellent condition. St. Jones', one of the points of disaffection because of separation from its long established relation to the Camden Circuit, was, after a careful hearing of their complaints, restored to its former position, but observation has convinced us its development into a strong and influential church would be more certain and assured in connection with Little Creek. Fifty conversions, payment of debts for previous improvements at Lebanon and Camden with advanced collections, are a partial record of the work of the year.

Cannons has caught the inspiration which has characterized other charges, and led by their pastor, T. S. Williams, has raised and paid the balance due on their parsonage. A higher degree of prosperity is not found on the district than witnessed on this circuit.

On Church Creek, supplied by C. W. Clapham, Powell's Church has been completed and dedicated, subject only to a mortgage of \$100. Our debt-burdened church at Madison, is being rapidly delivered from its perilous condition, \$361 of the \$1000 having been raised and paid this year. Taylor's Island has purchased and paid for a superior Epworth organ. The pastor has toiled day and night in this hard field and succeeded, not merely in procuring financial relief, but gathering ninety-one souls into the churches.

Crapo, W. W. Chaires, pastor, adds thirty probationers, new furniture to the parsonage, a partial payment on Ebenezer Church and minor improvements to other church property. Since November Brother Chaires has been attending lectures at the Baltimore Medical College.

On Denton Circuit the interior of Harris' Chapel has been improved and rendered more attractive and comfortable at a cost of \$380. By careful methods and earnest effort the collections have reached their former liberal standard. G. W. Townsend, pastor.

Dorchester, supplied by L. B. Kirby, pastor, manifests decided improvement. Sunday-Schools are better organized, congregations more regular in attendance, a more liberal support for the pastor, and forty conversions.

Dover Methodism is again harmonious. Wesley with Dr. W. L. S. Murray was never in a better condition. The ladies have enlarged the parsonage by additions to the back building and provided a new carpet for the Sunday-School room. Arrearages remaining from last year's current expenses have been paid and the demands of the present year fully met. An advance in collections has been secured without apparent strain and a gratifying increase in numerical strength reported.

Armory, better known as the Second Church, is on the tide of success. Wisdom and patience were daily required to advantageously reconstruct and organize this Society. The division growing out of previous misunderstandings have been serious obstacles, overcome only by dispassionate entreaty. After frequent consultation the trustees of Wesley proffered their Chapel building costing \$2,000 to the Armory brethren for \$600. This offer was accepted and the building moved to their lot on Division street and dedicated last Sabbath. An extensive revival has rewarded the earnest labors of the pastor, Geo. W. Bounds, 125 souls have been converted and the meetings still protracted. The need of this new organization is now generally accepted as essential to maintain our hold upon the masses in the town of Dover.

At East New Market, A. Burke, pastor, a depressing and embarrassing debt against the parsonage has been provided for. The Sunday-School and congregation having outgrown the little church at Secretary, an enlargement is anticipated in the near future, eighty conversions reward the earnest and persistent labors of God's servant.

On Ellendale Circuit every interest of the church shows improvement. L. T. McLain and his co-laborers have worked in harmony, and we anticipate increasing development for this charge. On Elliott's Island, supplied by B. Wheatley, a new and attractive church 28 by 45, with recess pulpit, stained glass windows and bell, has been built and occupied, with a small debt remaining. Though the fifty-two families which constitute the population of this Island, with other oyster districts, have been impoverished by the severe winter, no interest of the church has failed of liberal support.

Farmington reports thirty conversions and a more generous support of the benevolences with a large payment upon the parsonage debt. W. M. Greene, pastor.

Federalsburg, Julius Dodd, pastor, has an enrollment of fifty-one probationers, a growing Sunday-school, and an active spiritual life. The benevolences are creditably sustained and the church and parsonage property well preserved.

Felton seems to languish under a cloud of discouragement. We have creditable church property, official men of more than average business capability, and a fair degree of intelligent piety, but there is a want of the enthusiasm and vigor necessary to an aggressive and powerful church. Small crops, low prices and financial dearth are not alone the occasion of the present condition of the church

at Felton. Rev. T. H. Haynes, pastor, has been a diligent laborer in this field of adverse conditions. Diminishing salary, small collections, and but few probationers are the record of results.

Frederica has been the recipient of a splendid gift from Mrs. Sarah B. Lester, now a resident of Philadelphia. In memory of her gifted daughter a memorial window was placed in the pulpit recess at a cost of \$1200. Other improvements such as stained glass windows, new carpet, frescoing, and re-painting have been made at an additional cost of \$1000. The parsonage has been enlarged by a new back building and supplied with new furniture. S. R. Maxwell, pastor.

J. T. VanBurkalow at Galestown has received an all year round ovation. Large gatherings attend his ministry, revivals have quickened the churches, and the parsonage has received some necessary repairs. Many of the people are poor, but they are appreciative, and willing helpers in the work.

Georgetown, C. A. Grise, pastor, has had an eventful year; able and instructive preaching, pastoral visitation from house to house, wise and well ordered conversation among the people, diligence, but not haste, earnestness without rashness on the part of the pastor, with an improved financial system, has wrought wonders for our church here. These qualities will produce the same results in any field of labor.

Georgetown Circuit has been divided, with the four churches, St. Johns, Cokesbury, Bethesda and Sand Hill, to constitute Georgetown Circuit, with A. D. Davis pastor. Asbury, Conoways and St. Thomas to form Zoar Circuit, supplied by J. W. Tindal. The improved condition of the work confirms the wisdom of the plan. We predict a growth for Georgetown Circuit that will make it within five years as desirable as any circuit in the Conference. Improvements have been made upon St. Johns at a cost of \$140, and a new organ purchased for Bethesda. Zoar Circuit gives hopeful indications of gratifying development in every department.

Greenwood has been blessed with a gracious revival at Trinity and Chaplins, with a few accessions at Greenwood. A Chapter of the Epworth League organized at Greenwood, is interesting the youth and preparing the young people for usefulness. Brother A. Green has attained a high degree of success in the organization of the young.

Harrington, R. T. Coursey, pastor, has declined largely in its support of the benevolences, giving last year fully fifty per cent. more toward the collections than the amount reported this year, not even our worthy and needy claimant fund is an exception in this large decline. Our church in Harrington has numbers, average wealth, with business and social position, but lacks organization,

On Hooper's Island the church is recovering its former position in the appreciation of the people. Notwithstanding the financial depression resulting from the fearful winter, the pastor's salary has been paid in full, repairs made upon the churches and creditable contributions made to benevolences. D. H. Willis, pastor.

Houston has maintained its standing, and when all the capabilities of this Circuit are united and consecrated, it will be one of the most influential charges in our territory. W. B. Guthrie has labored faithfully among these people and

makes a satisfactory showing in conversions, contributions and other church interests.

Hurlocks, M. D. Nutter, pastor, is gradually advancing toward a position of permanent strength. A small increase in the salary, a much needed improvement in the parsonage, adding to its convenience and comfort, a new Epworth organ and the prospect of a new church at McKendrie with a number of conversions indicate their progress.

Lakesville supplied by N. P. Johnson is a hard and undeveloped circuit, but something has been gained in organization and numbers.

Leipsic has completed and dedicated a beautiful church 34x60; having stained glass windows, recess pulpit and is seated with chairs. Commendable liberality has provided for the greater part of the cost, which is \$4500. F. F. Carpenter, pastor.

Our church at Lewes has been handsomely frescoed throughout, supplied with stained glass windows of beautiful designs, newly carpeted, and painted at a cost of \$2,100, making it one of the most attractive churches on the district. A revival, resulting in 70 conversions, followed this expression of love for God's temple, which led to increased giving to all the benevolences. F. C. McSorley closes one of the most successful pastorates of his ministry beloved by the old and old of his congregation.

Lincoln, G. W. Burke, pastor, reports a gratifying condition of the churches in Cedar Neck and Slaughter Neck with some hopeful changes in the disturbed situation at Lincoln. There have been 25 conversions.

Magnolia, W. R. McFarlane, pastor, returns a goodly number of probationers, salary paid in full but a small decline in benevolent collections.

Milford has moved backward to the position of five years ago, reducing the pastor's salary to \$1,000, and the contributions to missions to \$400, making a reduction of \$200 in pastoral support and \$200 for missions. Our church in Milford represents intelligence, social position and some wealth, and it is earnestly hoped that this backward step in finances is not the omen of a coming loss of prestige and power. R. Watt, pastor, rejoices in the conversion of 70 souls and a well earned reputation for pulpit ability and faithfulness as a pastor.

At Milton, E. P. Roberts, pastor, the title to our beautiful parsonage was unexpectedly discovered to be so defective there was imminent danger of losing the property, but by the good management of our official men a clear title was obtained and our property secured. Small crops, diminished business interests and the lack of employment have made this year a trying one to this people, but sacrifice and steadfast devotion have preserved every interest of our Zion.

On Nassau Circuit, J. S. Wickline, pastor, White's Chapel has been painted and papered and slight improvements made upon the parsonage. Excellent church buildings, large congregations, a general attendance upon the class-meetings, with a liberal support for the pastor and a ready response to all the demands of the church characterize this Circuit. It ranks among the best appointments on the district.

Of all our pastoral charges none have passed the year so sad and eventful as

Preston. Wm. Sheers, appointed to this circuit, was transferred by Bishop Andrews immediately after the adjournment of Conference. J. S. Moore removed from Woodside to Preston, failed in health, and after a few weeks of service was compelled to take rest. A. T. Melvin accepted the appointment only to die one month after entering upon his duties. Late in the year John Sewell an assistant supply on Church Creek Circuit was placed in charge of Preston. Though young and inexperienced the churches have been thoroughly aroused under his ministry and eighty have been converted.

Vienna, W. H. Benford, pastor, and Salem, T. B. Cooper, pastor, have not shown any perceptible growth during the year. The unfinished parsonage at Salem has been completed, mainly through the efforts of the pastor, and partly furnished, some reduction made in the debt against Linkwood, but Vienna has not indicated growth in any department, it indeed position has been sustained.

Seaford has had another year of peculiar vicissitudes. Clarence Wilson, appointed to this charge, was transferred early in September to Fort Smith. After the lapse of a few weeks his transfer was revoked. Scarcely had he resumed his work when another transfer to Fort Smith was announced. By request, W. E. England was appointed to fill the vacancy thus made. Here too a parsonage debt has been paid and a small amount paid upon the indebtedness at Bladesville; but partly owing to the scarcity of money and more from the want of system there has been a serious and needless decline in the collections.

Williamsburg, supplied by A. C. Jones, is enjoying unusual prosperity. Souls converted, debts paid, growing liberality, enthusiastic class meetings, full congregations and weekly prayer services in each church are the indications of an improved spiritual life.

Williston has advanced in the benevolences, gathered in many precious souls and advanced believers to a higher christian experience. T. F. Tabler, pastor.

At Woodside, J. P. Outten, pastor, a new and beautiful church has been dedicated and the debt provided for. The church at Viola has been re-painted and papered and every dollar of expenditure paid in cash. Slight improvements made at Canterbury, twenty-five probationers and advanced collections are reported.

W. B. Gregg appointed to Wyoming circuit failed in health in early fall, and after protracted illness died in peace in January. Wishing to live but ready to die he quietly entered into eternal rest.

Little Creek shows an aggressiveness that must be prophecy of coming strength, a more zealous and loyal people are not found, liberal and unwavering in their devotion to the church, they are destined to a bright future. C. W. Strickland is pastor. The Conference Academy, through Prof. W. L. Gooding furnishes the following statistics: Number of students, 1892-93, 173; Conference Educational Society Beneficiaries, 1; Board of Education Beneficiaries, 13; Value of Property, \$80,000.00; Indebtedness (approximate), \$25,000.00; Receipts for board and tuition, \$16,455.35; Expenditures, \$14,416.04; Net receipts, \$2,039.31; Rental, \$683.10.

Our Academy justly ranks among the best institutions of its grade. Supplied

with teachers eminently qualified for their positions, thorough and painstaking in instruction, and exercising wholesome but not rigorous discipline, it merits a parsonage commensurate with more pretentious institutions. Every preacher and layman in our bounds should be the zealous advocate of its claims. And now brethren, thrust unexpectedly in this official position, confronted by difficulties such as have not been the lot of any predecessor since the days of civil war, compelled by the exigencies of the situation to counsel and arbitrate where prejudice and passion had prevailed, to inspire with courage and steadfastness the despondent and faltering, to unite the dissevered and alienated into a harmonious and Christly brotherhood, we bring our report. We have almost universal harmony; we are one in fraternal feeling and in the great purpose to make our Methodism a mighty force. The year has been a pause in the history of the district, a pause like unto that of an army, which has received a dreadful shock in battle, and must organize and drill for future conquest. Some seized the opportunity to retreat from prominent positions, but many have held or advanced their lines. We regret that any have turned backward, we are glad the broken ranks are few. If the present was ever a prophecy of the future, or coming events cast their shadow before, we see in the present state of the district the promise of great results. Devoutly thankful to Almighty God for health and preservation, to my brethren of the ministry and laity for their uniform courtesy and kindness I humbly submit this report.

R. H. ADAMS.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

The sowing and the reaping of another year are done. We come now to count in part the sheaves.

In general, a kind Providence has smiled upon the preachers and their families. But the shadows have fallen upon two parsonage homes—that at Salisbury, in the death of the father of the pastor; Brother Charles Hill, retired from the active to the supernumerary ranks at the last session of our Conference, and removed to the home of his son, the Rev. C. A. Hill of Salisbury, Md., and on June 22d he was transferred to the glorified ranks above.

Heart-breaking sorrow came to the parsonage on Smith's Island, September 20th, in the death, by drowning of Brother Gray's oldest daughter, Bertha, a beautiful Christian character who was just blooming into womanhood when the summons came, but she was ready. The body was afterward recovered and laid to rest by loving hands.

Brother W. L. P. Bowen has been in poor health most of the year, and now, after twenty years of laborious and successful toil in difficult fields, he comes asking for a change of relation from effective to supernumerary. May peace be his in the merited rest he seeks.

In the roll-call of the appointments to follow we shall note some of the more prominent features of the work done during the year.

Annamessex, under the pastoral care of O. S. Walton, has extended her borders in establishing preaching at the Jacksonville Academy. This point holds, in large measure, the future of the charge; a new church in the near future is anticipated. No report of conversions or collections to date.

Asbury still faces to the future, she reports 110 conversions, and leads the district. Her benevolences are in advance of any preceding year. Her contribution to the Conference Claimants of \$87 is the largest in the district. Improvements amounting to \$285 are reported. Under Brother Baker's leadership the watchword is onward and upwark.

Barren Creek is a fruitful field under the tillage of Eben Welch. The new church reported a year ago has been completed and paid for to within \$250. The church at Spring Grove is being improved by the addition of a recess pulpit, remodeled seats, fresco, etc., at a cost of about \$175.

It will be reopened in April next. At Hebron, the tent in which the people worshiped for two years, is giving place to a new church, to be completed in the early summer at a cost of about \$1,000. Brother Welsh reports that his membership has nearly doubled by letter during the year, also nine conversions and \$12 for the benevolences.

The prominent feature of the year's work at Berlin is the effort on the part of the pastor to secure funds with which to rebuild the church. He reports nearly \$1,000 in cash and good subscriptions and more in sight. This is a much needed work and ought to have the help of the friends of Methodism abroad.

But whilst this has been the chief aim of the pastor, other features of the work have not been neglected, as ten conversions and a good report on the benevolence will show.

Bethel has painted and otherwise improved her parsonage property at an expense of \$125, and \$100 have been expended in other improvements. She more than holds her own in spirituality and in contributions to the benevolences. Brother Davis' relations to his people are very pleasant.

Bishopville advanced her salary from \$400 last year to \$650 and has paid it in full. She has suffered a sad loss in the death of James Evans, one of her most able and liberal official members. Brother Alderson has given to Bishopville three years of faithful and successful service and reports for this year, thirty-five conversions, a slight increase in the collections and \$55 expended in improvements.

Cape Charles, a beautiful city near the cape of that name, has been served for two years by W. O. Hurst. The church has been beautifully frescoed at an expense of \$185, all paid, eight persons have been converted and the collections are in good shape.

Chincoteague Island is suffering from an oyster famine and our churches are having a financial struggle. However, Brother Jones' salary is paid in full, the collections are up to the fair standard of last year and \$40 spent in improvements.

When the ice-king, in January, locked the island in isolation and enforced idleness upon the people, the pastor and a few faithful followers threw open the church doors, stirred up the revival fires and by day and night invited the people in. The whole Island responded, seventy souls were converted and all the churches greatly blessed.

The report from Chrisfield shows encouraging progress, fifty conversions, an

old debt of \$340 paid, thus clearing our church property entirely, \$50 raised for improvements and an advance in the Educational and Conference Claimant Collections. Brother Ewing is closing his third year successfully.

Deal's Island has had a year of unparalleled success, notwithstanding the long continued freeze which ruined the winter's harvest. The salary, which was advanced to \$1,000 is paid in full, the collections are in advance of any preceding year, and 100 souls have been converted.

On August 17th a fire broke out in Delmar. It three hours more than one-half of the town was in ruins, and in those ruins lay the ashes of our commodious church and parsonage. For a time our people were despondent, but soon hope revived and they began to rebuild. Now, upon what was a smouldering heap seven months ago, there stands nearing completion, one of the most comely church properties of the Conference. The church is a gothic structure, the main building of which is 140x60, recess pulpit, and an annex 18x28. The windows are of cathedral glass and all memorial. The whole property, church and parsonage, will be paid for on the day of dedication in May next. For a time after the fire our people worshiped in an old cannery, but afterward accepted the generous offer of the Baptists, and all are now holding services in their church every alternate Sabbath. Notwithstanding the financial disaster occasioned by the fire, our church has not been allowed to suffer financially. The salary is paid in full, and the collections are in advance of the high standard of last year—the missionary collection going up from \$125 to \$200.

Two years ago Fairmount seemed to have her face to the setting sun, especially in her missionary sentiment, but this year she reports larger benevolences than ever in her history. Two years ago she reported \$413 for missions, this year \$670; \$169 paid on old indebtedness and forty-nine souls converted. Bro. Prettyman is closing his fifth year grandly.

Frankford, under Bro. Swain, has had a year of prosperity; fifty conversions and an increase on the collections. The salary was increased \$100, and \$100 raised for improvements.

Fruitland has built a parsonage worth \$1,000, with a debt of only \$300, which is being paid through a building and loan association. Bro. Given is to have large credit for this enterprise. \$60 expended in improvements, forty-two conversions, increased benevolences are other prominent features of progress.

Under Bro. Derrickson for three years, Girdle tree has grown to be one of our best circuits. She has been seriously hurt by the oyster famine in Chincoteague bay, yet financially she is in advance of any former year.

The new church enterprise at Klej Grange progresses slowly but surely, \$300 of the old debt on Girdle tree Church has been paid and a new church will be built at Goodwill soon. 27 conversions this year.

The prominent feature of the year's work at Gumboro Circuit, is the rebuilding of the church at Bethel, at a cost of \$400, all of which was provided for on the day of re-opening, October 23. The pastor's salary was advanced \$50, the collections increased and 47 conversions bless the toils expended on this field.

A new church costing \$2,100 has been built on Holland's Island. The total

cost was provided for on the day of dedication, and all but about \$500 has been paid. Seven conversions and the collections increased.

Last year Laurel increased her salary \$100 and bought a parsonage, this year she increases her salary another \$100, making \$1,000, and expends \$1,200 on church improvements. The improvements consist of handsome cathedral glass windows, fresco for the audience room, etc. The opening took place June 19th, when the whole cost was provided for. Seven souls have been converted during the year, and the collections are in advance of any former year. The Quarterly Conference and the ladies of the church send up an invitation to this body to hold its next session in their town.

Millsboro with one appointment less keeps the estimate for pastoral support the same as last year, and the benevolences are the same. Conversions, 20.

Brother Carroll has taken to himself a most estimable help-meet, and assures us of better service in the future.

Mt. Pleasant Circuit is a new circuit made up of the three churches formerly connected with Delmar. In this, her first year, she demonstrates her ability to stand alone, and she looks confidently to the future.

Mt. Vernon is on the up grade. The Asbury Society have decided to build a handsome church, and expect to begin soon. Brother Prouse has put in a hard and successful year's work. Successful revivals have blessed both churches and the benevolences are well up.

At White Haven on Nanticoke charge, the new church was completed and dedicated free of debt in the fall.

A new church enterprise is on foot at Nanticoke Point, the lot has been donated by a Mr. Travis, subscription papers are meeting with hearty responses. It is safe to say, that when this enterprise is completed, it will be in keeping with the ability and liberality of the people interested. Brother Cochran reports 20 conversions, a slight increase on the collections and \$100 expended in improvements.

Newark has been served by one of her own sons this year. Brother Bowen's health is poor but every department of the work has had his supervision, and the results are fair.

New Church and Hallwood have been well served by Luther Poole, and some success has been achieved. Three conversions. Collections increased and Pittsville Church improved with new seats.

Onancock has taken on new life, pastoral support was increased \$100, a first-class financial system adopted and worked by the Stewards, an old debt of \$106.00 on the parsonage paid, \$120 raised for improvements on parsonage. It was decided to rebuild Leatherberry Chapel but winter set in before work was begun. The collections are far in advance of any former year and seventy-six souls have been converted. Brother Atkins, the pastor, is the moving spirit in all these advances.

Parksley is in the toils of a parsonage debt and offers the property for sale, but the financial depression in that section makes purchasers scarce. Nine con-

versions, a slight increase in the collections and \$100 raised for improvements, all points of progress.

Parsonsbury puts herself among the best circuits of the district by increasing her salary to \$700 and a proportionate increase all along the line.

The debt on the Pittsville Church has been considerably reduced and revival efforts have been successful. Brother W. R. Gwinn, of the Baltimore Conference is the efficient supply and his return is greatly desired.

On Pocomoke Circuit a new church enterprise at Perry Hawkins' school-house is on foot. Brother Conway has had a year of splendid success in soul winning and money gathering.

Pocomoke City, under the leadership of Brother Wise, takes a long step forward. The parsonage has been modernized and other improvements made at a cost of \$290, all paid and the benevolences show a handsome increase.

Powellville has a new church, at St. John's, nearing completion. It will be substantial and commodious and valued at \$1200. Brother Hastings reports seventy conversions and \$70 for the benevolences.

Princess Anne maintains her record along all lines. The parsonage has been improved by the addition of a front porch, the gift of Brother Thomas Dixon, and the ladies have reduced the parsonage debt to \$200. Brother Shepard reports several promising accessions to the church.

Brother Mitchell is closing his second year pleasantly at Quantico; ten conversions and benevolence increased.

At Marion Station, on Quindocqua charge, a lot has been secured and paid for on which to build a church and parsonage. Plans and specifications for a church have been secured of the Church Extension Society and work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

Quindocqua Church is in good condition financially and spiritually, twenty-two conversions and collections in advance of any former year. Brother Northrup is the energetic pastor.

Roxanna stands at the head of the district in the number of full members, but her doing is not in keeping with her numbers; however, she is growing and has made a good record this year; fifty-five conversions and the benevolences well up. A handsome new church takes the place of the old Sound church. Total \$1,500; all provided for. Bro. Wyatt has given to Roxanna three years of hard, enthusiastic and successful service, and made for himself a large place in the hearts of the people.

The promise given by Read's Wharf a year ago has not been realized for reasons too many to mention here, and how to give her proper pastoral care is a problem.

St. Peter's is a model in the management of her finances; the pastor's salary and all other current expenses are raised in full, weekly. In spirituality she has a tidal wave all the year around. She reports ninety-one conversions to date, and a gracious revival in progress. The benevolences are largely in advance of the splendid record of last year. Two new churches will be built next year, one at Habnab, where we have a flourishing Sunday-school, a lot already paid for, and

another to take the place of what is known as the Chapel. Brother Burr has been the enthusiastic leader of these hosts for three years and his return is greatly desired.

Salisbury, under Brother Hill, still moves forward. Her spirituality is deepening and her liberality is broadening, as shown by twenty-one conversions and a large increase on the benevolences. Her missionary offering has gone up \$114 in the two years of Brother Hill's pastorate. Salisbury sends up a most cordial invitation to this body to hold its next session in that town.

Selbyville pays her old indebtedness of \$120, takes care of a married man and asks for his return; conversions 17 and a slight increase in the collections. The pastor, Brother Beauchamp, is a man of fine promise.

Sharptown as a station, with Brother Smoot as pastor, has done more for benevolence and had more conversions than the whole circuit last year.

Smith's Island is in the advancing column. Salary \$800, an increase of \$100, and the collections are above last year. Conversions thirty. Be it said to the praise of the Smith's Island brethren, that when Brother Gray's daughter was drowned they offered a reward for the recovery of the body, and in addition to this reward they paid all burial expenses. Last year they kept a sick pastor half the year and paid the salary in full. These things indicate the spirit of these people.

Snow Hill has painted at a cost of \$110; all paid. She now has a splendid church property, free of debt. She ought, and no doubt will, take a forward step in helping others. Brother Sypherd's two years work will long stand as a monument of his faithfulness.

Somerset has given hearty response to Brother McFaul's year of toil; forty conversions, some increase on Conference collections, and \$230 expended on improvements, chiefly on an iron fence around the church lot at Dame's Quarter. The Ladies' Aid at Dame's Quarter has bought a house and lot to be used as a parsonage when necessary.

Stockton is another point afflicted by the oyster famine of Chincoteague bay. Her report is much better than was expected.

Tangier Island, with Brother Webster as pastor, has made a surprising record this year. The old parsonage debt of \$475, has been paid and \$30 invested in improvements. The missionary collection goes up to \$385, \$81 increase over last year. The collection for "other purposes" is \$118, and all the benevolences are well up; conversions, 17.

Westover, a feeble circuit of four churches and paying \$450 for pastoral support, and \$35 on all the benevolences, is asking for a division. It ought to be accommodated, but it is a difficult problem. The ladies have added \$50 to the comforts of the parsonage. The parsonage debt grows no smaller, but Brother Ruark offers to give the \$500 due him if the other creditor will give the \$300. I mention this to the praise of Brother Ruark's liberality.

Whitesville is one of the good circuits of the District. Brother Miller has had a year of success; 20 conversions, \$200 paid on parsonage debt, \$150 invested in improvements, and the collections in advance of the splendid record of last year.

Conversions.—I report conversions because this is an item of importance that never appears in the minutes. All other denominations reap a harvest from our revivals. The time was when a Methodist revival was a thing despised by some of our sister churches, but now it is a matter of great interest to them all. Only about two-thirds of our converts become our probationers, many of the remaining third find a home in other churches.

Salaries.—The net increase in the estimates on salaries for the year is \$1,350 seventeen charges increased and two decreased the estimate of last year.

Collections.—The final report will show an increase of over \$600 on missions and nearly or quite \$100 on Conference Claimants, and I believe there will be some increase on nearly, if not all other benevolences, yet our people are able and some of them are willing to do more when these causes are put red hot upon their consciences. If we would only bring our tithes into the store-house, the windows of heaven would indeed be opened and an overflow blessing poured upon us.

New Churches and Parsonages. We have completed this year two new churches that were begun previously. White Haven and Barren Creek; begun and finished three churches, Holland's Island, St. Georges and Mt. Pleasant Circuit and the Sound on Roxanna Circuit; and two parsonages, Delmar and Fruitland, and have two churches nearing completion, Delmar and St. John's on Powellville Circuit; and have plans laid for seven more, two on St. Peter's charge, Nanticoke Point on Nanticoke Circuit, Marion on Quindocqua charge, Asbury on Mt. Vernon, Hebron on Barren Creek, Bethel on Roxanna and Curtis on Pocomoke Circuit, all of which will be heard from in the near future. There are others contemplated

The Epworth League.—We have a district League, ably officered with Brother Wyatt as President, also thirty-three local Chapters, with a total membership of 2,000. This young organization is doing a fine work among our young people.

Temperance.—Along the line of the temperance army a perpetual fire is kept up against the saloon with all its promoters and defenders. The odds may seem against us, but the Lord of Hosts is with us and we are sure of victory.

Of my personal work I may be allowed to say that, to the arduous duties and grave responsibilities of my office I have given my undivided time and strength. I am devoutly thankful to God for the preservation of health and strength and grateful to the brethren of the ministry and laity who have shown me no little kindness making my path smooth and my burden light.

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1872 Adams, R. H.....	E.	Dover, Del.....	2
1888 Alderson, G. T.....	E.	Federalburg, Md.....	1
1888 Anderson, J. F.....	E.	Pomona, Md.....	1
1870 Arters, J. A.....	E.	Greensboro, Md.....	2
1877 Atkins, E. C.....	E.	Onancock, Va.....	2
1877 Avery, W. E.....	E.	Easton, Md.....	2
1881 Baker, C. S.....	E.	Crisfield, Md.....	3
1876 Barrett, L. E.....	E.	Wilmington, Del.....	2
1859 Bell, T. E.....	Sp.	Tunis Mills, Md.....	
1890 Bounds, G. W.....	D.	Cape Charles, Va.....	1
1876 Bowen, W. L. P.....	Sp.	Berlin, Md.....	
1885 Bowman, G. W.....	E.	Wyoming, Del.....	1
1890 Brewington, J. A.....	D.	Vienna, Md.....	1
1843 Brindle, J. A.....	S.	Cordova, Md.....	
1860 Browne, N. M.....	E.	Middletown, Del.....	3
1857 Bryan, J. E.....	E.	Rising Sun, Md.....	3
1886 Burke, Asbury.....	E.	E. New Market, Md.....	3
1865 Burke, Geo. W.....	E.	Millington, Md.....	1
1888 Burr, Warren.....	E.	Oriole, Md.....	4
1892 Benford, Wm. H.....	P.	Woodside, Del.....	1
1892 Beauchamp, Theo. F.....	P.	Selbyville, Del.....	2
1845 Caldwell, J. H.....	Sp.	Dover, Del.....	2
1888 Carpenter, F. F.....	E.	Townsend, Del.....	1
1865 Carroll, James.....	E.	Millsboro, Del.....	3
1888 Chaires, Wesley W.....	E.	Crapo, Md.....	2
1876 Chandler, Albert.....	E.	Marydel, Md.....	2
1861 Cochran, F. J.....	E.	Nanticoke, Md.....	3
1876 Collins, J. M.....	E.	Kenton, Del.....	1
1883 Collins, V. S.....	E.	Centreville, Md.....	3
1888 Compton, W. P.....	E.	Bridgeville, Del.....	2
1862 Conoway, G. S.....	E.	Trappe, Md.....	3

1868	Conner, James.....	E. Rockland, Del.....	2
1892	Cooper, Thos. B.....	P. Hurlock, Md.....	1
1885	Corkran, D. H.....	E. Cecilton, Md.....	1
1881	Corkran, L. P.....	E. Delmar, Del.....	2
1876	Corkran, W. F.....	E. Seaford, Del.....	3
1891	Cross, E. L.....	D. Dover, Del.....	3
1887	Coursey, R. T.....	E. Snow Hill, Md.....	1
1879	Dodd, Julius.....	E. St. Georges, Del.....	1
1860	Davis, A. D.....	E. Georgetown, Del.....	2
1869	Davis, Edward.....	E. Bethel, Del.....	3
1884	Dawson, W. F.....	E. Magnolia, Del.....	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.....	E. Widgeon, Md.....	1
1876	Dobbins, J. Y.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	3
1871	DuHadway, W. J.....	E. Newark, Del.....	3
1886	Dulany, H. S.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	3
1893	Devenish, Oliver W.....	P. Royal Oak, Md.....	1
1885	Easley, J. W.....	E. Chestertown, Md.....	2
1845	England, W. E.....	Sp. Seaford, Del.....	
1866	Esgate, James.....	S. 216 Oxford St., Portland, Me.....	
1887	Ewing, H. W.....	E. Port Deposit, Md.....	1
1889	Fogle, Jas. W.....	D. Oxford, Md.....	1
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.....	E. Camden, Del.....	1
1887	Fletcher, Frank.....	E. Kent Island, Md.....	1
1856	France, John.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	3
1891	Gardner, Edwin.....	D. Elk Neck, Md.....	3
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.....	D. Dover, Del.....	1
1884	Given, Thos. N.....	E. Fruitland, Md.....	2
1889	Graham, Jas. E.....	E. Burrsville, Md.....	2
1888	Gray, J. W.....	E. Ewell, Md.....	2
1890	Green, Aloycius.....	D. Greenwood, Del.....	2
1873	Greene, Wm. M.....	E. Farmington, Del.....	2
1879	Grise, C. A.....	E. Georgetown, Del.....	2
1883	Guthrie, W. B.....	E. Gumboro, Del.....	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.....	Sp. Dunkirk, Md.....	
1882	Hammitt, C. J.....	S. Kinsey, Ala.....	3
1872	Hanna, J. D. C.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	5
1883	Hardesty, G. L.....	E. Roxanna, Del.....	1
1871	Harding, T. H.....	E. Charlestown, Md.....	1

1846	Haynes, T. H.....	E. Lincoln, Del.....	1
1878	Hill, Chas. A.....	E. Salisbury, Md.....	3
1882	Howard, J. H.....	E. Lewes, Del.....	1
1878	Hubbard, E. L.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	3
1850	Hubbard, James.....	S. Laurel, Del.....	
1869	Hunter, T. B.....	E. Summit Bridge, Del.....	1
1892	Hurst, W. O.....	D. Queenstown, Md.....	1
1859	Hynson, E. H.....	E. Smyrna, Del.....	1
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer.....	E. Chesapeake City, Md.....	1
1870	Jewell, Isaac.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	3
1872	Jones, R. C.....	Sp. Alexandria, Ind.....	3
1891	Jones, G. P.....	D. Chincoteague, Va.....	3
1872	Kemp, J. D.....	E. Still Pond, Md.....	3
1886	Koons, W. G.....	E. North East, Md.....	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.....	E. Zion, Md.....	2
1892	Lecates, John D.....	D. Tilghman, Md.....	2
1879	Lindale, J. M.....	E. Cordova, Md.....	2
1892	Loller, Wm. H. S.....	P. Starr, Md.....	1
1885	Mace, E. S.....	E. Booth's Corner, Pa.....	2
1876	Macnichol, E. C.....	E. Pocomoke City, Md.....	1
1864	Martindale, T. E.....	E. New Castle, Del.....	3
1889	Maxwell, S. R.....	E. Frederica, Del.....	2
1868	McFarlane, W. R.....	E. Berlin, Md.....	1
1873	McQuay, N.....	E. Sharptown, Md.....	1
1873	McSorley, F. C.....	E. Cambridge, Md.....	1
1853	Merritt, J. B.....	Sp. Crumpton, Md.....	
1892	McKinsey, Fred. E.....	P. Wittman, Md.....	1
1869	Miller, E. H.....	E. Whitesville, Del.....	2
1885	Mitchell, Jas. M.....	E. Quantico, Md.....	3
1887	Morgan, S. M., Jr.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	2
1858	Morris, S. J.....	E. St. Michael's, Md.....	4
1883	Mowbray, A. S.....	E. Newport, Del.....	3
1886	Mowbray, W. R.....	E. Smyrna, Del.....	1
1872	Murray, W. L. S.....	E. Dover, Del.....	2
1884	McFaull, Daniel F.....	E. Chance, Md.....	2
1870	Nelson, E. H.....	E. Galena, Md.....	4
1892	Northrup, Van P.....	P. Tull's Corner, Md.....	2
1890	Nutter, M. D.....	D. Cornersville, Md.....	1

1876 O'Brien, T. A. H.....	E. Fairmount, Md.....	1
1872 Otis, J. P.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	2
1893 Outten, J. P.....	P. Williamsburg, Md.....	1
1853 Phoebus, G. A.....	S. 53 Third Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y....	
1881 Pilchard, S. N.....	E. Laurel, Del.....	3
1870 Poole, J. W.....	Sp. Farmington, Del.....	
1882 Prettyman, A. P.....	E. Delaware City, Del.....	2
1868 Prettyman, C. W.....	E. Seaford, Del.....	1
1836 Price, B. F.....	E. Woodlawn, Md.....	2
1886 Prouse, J. T.....	E. Bozman, Md.....	1
1850 Quigg, J. B.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	2
1869 Rawlins, P. H.....	E. Harrington, Del.....	1
1858 Redman, W. W.....	S. Farmington, Del.....	
1885 Reese, J. D.....	E. Girdle Tree, Md.....	1
1867 Rigg, J. D.....	E. Chester, Pa.....	3
1884 Roberts, E. P.....	E. Milton, Del.....	2
1873 Roe, Robert.....	E. Rock Hall, Md.....	3
1845 Sanderson, Henry.....	S. Wilmington, Del.....	
1886 Sharp, W. W.....	E. Hillsboro, Md.....	1
1858 Scott, A. T.....	Sp. Wilmington, Del.....	
1859 Sheppard, C. F.....	E. Sudlersville, Md.....	1
1891 Short, F. B.....	D. Wilmington, Del.....	2
1879 Smith, Alfred.....	E. Smyrna, Del.....	3
1889 Smoot, T. C.....	E. Leipsic, Del.....	1
1870 Stengle, Adam.....	E. Smyrna, Del.....	1
1878 Stephenson, R. K.....	E. Crisfield, Md.....	1
1888 Swain, C. P.....	E. Frankford, Del.....	2
1892 Strickland, C. W.....	P. Elliott's Island, Md.....	1
1860 Sypherd, J. O.....	E. Hockessin, Del.....	1
1886 Tabler, T. F.....	E. Williston, Md.....	1
1857 Talbot, Wm. F.....	Sp. Dover, Del.....	
1889 Taylor, W. P.....	P. Perryville, Md.....	1
1876 Terry, T. E.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	2
1858 Thompson, H. S.....	E. Felton, Del.....	1
1888 Todd, John R.....	E. Dover, Del.....	
1853 Todd, R. W.....	E. Princess Anne, Md.....	1
1871 Tomkinson, W. E.....	E. Bellevue, Del.....	3
1876 Townsend, G. W.....	E. Denton, Md.....	3

1891 Turner, H. C.....	D. Clayton, Del.....	1
1893 Townsend, Wm. P.....	P. Red Lion, Del.....	1
1877 Valiant, W. T.....	E. Cherry Hill, Md.....	1
1859 VanBurkalow, J. T.....	E. Galestown, Md.....	2
1874 Waddell, D. F.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	2
1879 Walton, O. S.....	E. Hopewell, Md.....	2
1848 Walton, W. B.....	S. Salisbury, Md.....	
1853 Warner, W. M.....	E. Ingleside, Md.....	1
1886 Watkins, R. I.....	E. Odessa, Del.....	1
1885 Watt, Robert.....	E. Milford, Del.....	4
1877 Wilson, W. W. W.....	E. Smyrna, Del.....	1
1887 Webster, Zack H.....	E. Tangier Island, Va.....	2
1889 West, J. P.....	D. Boston, Mass.....	
1866 White, E. E.....	E. Church Hill, Md.....	1
1868 Wickline, J. S.....	E. Nassau, Del.....	3
1872 Wilcox, G. W.....	Sp. Georgetown, Del.....	
1882 Williams, C. H.....	E. Marshallton, Del.....	3
1857 Williams, T. S.....	E. Cannon, Del.....	2
1892 Williams, Wm. S. H.....	P. Laurel, Del.....	1
1885 Willis, D. H.....	E. Church Creek, Md.....	1
1884 Wise, W. A.....	E. Wilmington, Del.....	1
1884 Wood, I. L.....	E. Elkton, Md.....	2
1886 Wood, G. E.....	E. Claymont, Del.....	3
1886 Wyatt, C. T.....	E. Deal's Island, Md.....	1
1887 Wilson, J. H.....	E. Preston, Md.....	1
1893 Westerfield, H. A. G.....	P. Madison, N. J.....	
1893 White, Wm. L.....	P. Wilmington, Del.....	3



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The last column indicates the Post Office.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

1886	L	Brown, Amos R.....	Sylmar, Md.
1887	L	Bullock, M. B.....	Wilmington, Del.
1892	L	Cann, Wm. L.....	Cherry Hill, Md.
1888	L	Cathers, Abner.	Elk Mills, Pa.
1893	L	Davis, Alonzo.....	Wilmington, Del.
	E	Dill, J. R.....	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Dodd, David.....	Wilmington, Del.
1876	L	Dunbracco, Jas. M.....	Wilmington, Del.
1864	L	Fryer, Thomas.....	Cherry Hill, Md.
1886	D	Green, Daniel.....	Newport, Del.
1888	L	Harvey, Frank B.....	Childs, Md.
1884	E	Harris, J. W.....	Wilmington, Del.
1888	D	Hamilton, Wm	Wilmington, Del.
1887	L	Hammond, Wm. T.....	North East, Md.
1868	L	Hendrickson, W. H.....	Centerville, Del.
1874	E	Hodson, Jabez.....	Wilmington, Del.
1890	L	Kane, J. F.....	Summit Bridge, Del.
1888	L	McLaughlin, J. F.....	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Norstrom, Charles.....	Wilmington, Del.
1862	L	Mendenhall, Eli.....	Wilmington, Del.
1859	L	Miller, Wm. T.....	Mechanics' Valley, Md.
1889	L	Purks, W. T.....	Rockland, Del.
1885	L	Shipley, Wm. S.....	Wilmington, Del.
1892	L	Sholl, Chas.....	Wilmington, Del.
1881	D	Simms, J. H., M. D.....	Wilmington, Del.
1892	L	Stoops, John D.....	Carlisle, Pa.
1888	L	Talley, Nelson.....	Talleyville, Del.
1869	D	Thatcher, Albert.....	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Todd, Lewis E.....	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Walker Zachariah.....	New Castle, Del.
1890	L	Weldin, Geo. W.....	Wilmington, Del.

	L	White, John.....	Wilmington, Del.
1891	L	Whitely, Seth F.....	Stanton, Del.
1893	L	Wilkinson, Wm.....	Lewisville, Pa.
1892	L	Williams, John W.....	Dover, Del.
1889	L	Wise, James M. Jr.....	New Castle, Del.

EASTON DISTRICT.

1858	L	Benson, E. T.	Royal Oak, Md.
1893	L	Bryan, Olin.....	Centerville, Md.
1891	L	Clark, David S.....	Kenton, Del.
1881	L	Faries, William . . .	Smyrna, Del.
	L	Ford, Walter.....	Townsend, Del.
	L	Golloway, W. K.....	Pottstown, Pa.
1891	L	Harper, Joseph W.....	Still Pond, Md.
1889	L	Hynson, J. Leonard.....	Coleraine, Pa.
	D	Numbers, Thos.....	Millington, Md.
1892	L	Perkins, J. A., M. D.....	Chestertown, Md.
1884	D	Proctor, C. W.....	Chestertown, Md.
1890	L	Purnell, James.....	Millington, Md.
1888	L	Roberts, John B.....	Middletown, Del.
1881	L	Roe, Herman.....	Townsend, Del.
	L	Sipple, John.....	Smyrna, Del.
1890	L	Wilds, John S.....	Kenton, Del.
1892	L	York, C. S.....	Chestertown, Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1893	L	Clapham, C. W.....	Lakesville, Md.
1890	L	Collison, Geo. W.....	Denton, Md.
1890	L	Collins, E. H.....	Dover, Del.
		Conway, R. H.....	Harrison, Md.
1891	D	Ellegood, J. A.....	Ellendale, Del.
1890	L	Fisher, Geo. M.....	Denton, Md.
	E	Hazzard, R. B.....	Hurlock, Md.
1892	L	Johnson, John L.....	Rodney, Del.
1892	L	Jones, Frank.....	Georgetown, Del.
1892	L	Jones, John W.....	Dover, Del.
	D	Kenny, J. L.....	Hynson, Md.
1891	L	Lewis, Edward.....	Dover, Del.
1893	L	McNatt, W. J.....	Georgetown, Del.

1860	D	Milman, Jesse.....	Ellendale, Del.
	L	Minner, J. Willis.....	Harrington, Del.
	L	Minner, Samuel.....	Masten's, Del.
	L	Nichols, Wm.....	Preston, Md.
	E	Northrup, C. L.....	Crapo.
1892	L	Prettyman, D.....	Georgetown, Del.
1890	L	Pusey, Samuel W.	Seaford, Del.
1893	L	Richardson, J. M.....	Church Creek, Md.
1892	L	Talley, J. Walter.....	Dover, Del.
1893	L	Taylor, Herman C.....	Dover, Del.
1889	L	Todd, N. L.....	Toddville, Md.
1889	L	Tuller, Grant C.....	Washington, D. C.
	E	Willis, I. S.....	Milford, Del.
1888	L	Wilson, Wm. D.....	Lewes, Del.
1890	L	Wiley, John H.....	Dover, Del.
		Wright, Everett.....	Tipton, Md.
	L	Wright, James.....	Choptank, Md.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

1874	L	Ayers, J. Frank.....	Lemont, Va.
	L	Beauchamp, John H., Sr...	Upper Fairmount, Md.
1892	L	Beauchamp, John H. Jr.....	Dover, Del.
1865	L	Betts, W. H.....	Millsboro, Del.
	L	Campbell, James R.....	Snow Hill, Md.
1874	L	Daniel, Jas. T.....	Wenona, Md.
	D	Devereaux, J. Joseph.....	Snow Hill, Md.
1892	L	Hancock, I. B.....	Franklin City, Va.
1891	L	Hastings, G. W.....	Powellville, Md.
	L	Hill, M. M.....	Delmar, Del.
	L	Jones, Jeremiah.....	Gumboro, Del.
	L	Leatherbury P. A.....	Onancock, Va.
1892		Matthews, W. E.....	Selbyville, Del.
1867	D	Morris, C. K.....	Westover, Md.
1883	L	Nelson Alonzo.....	Lawsonia, Md.
		Nicholson, E. J.....	Selbyville, Del.
1858	L	Robinson, John.....	Sharptown, Md.
		Scott, James H.....	Victor, Md.
1884	L	Simonson, J. N.....	Crisfield, Md.

1892	L	Spicer, Wm. H.....	Laurel, Del.
1886	D	Strickland, Wm. G.....	Klej Grange, Md.
1889	L	Terry, G. R.....	New Church, Va.
	D	Tyler, John.....	Ewell, Md.
	L	White, H. P.....	Dames Quarter, Md.
1885	D	Welsh, E.....	Barren Creek Springs, Md.
1888	L	Wilson, James W.....	Monie, Md.
1887	L	Winder, E. J.....	Onancock, Va.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The amount received by your Board of Stewards for distribution this year is as follows, viz:

From interest on Riddle Legacy,	\$	141	00
" " " Bates Legacy,		95	00
" " " Reynolds Legacy,		8	00
" " " Conference Academy Bonds,		90	00
" " " Centenary Fund,		120	00
" " " Chartered Fund,		25	00
" Book Room Dividend,		1,441	00
" Conference Treasurer from Collections,		5,765	00
" Public Collection at Anniversary,		224	00
Total,		\$7,879	00

Report of Districts:

	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>
Wilmington District,	\$1767	\$2132
Easton "	1441	1394
Dover "	1320	1300
Salisbury "	1082	1106
Decrease in amount of receipts		\$15.64
Increase in number of claimants,		4
Increase in amount of Quarterly Conference estimates,		\$2000

We have distributed the funds thus placed in our hands to six superannuates, twelve supernumeraries, one effective and thirty-two widows of deceased preachers.

But little change is made in the apportionment to the several charges, but we would urge upon the pastors to use every effort possible to secure at least twenty-five per cent. increase over and above the amount apportioned. The Conference passed a resolution to this effect at its last session, but from the reports made at this Conference but few of the brethren observed this resolution.

We hope the pastors will not neglect it another year.

We think the Quarterly Conference Committees on Conference Claimants do not in every case as carefully make inquiries into the several claims they are required to report as is needful.

As a board we have never experienced as much difficulty in making the distribution of the funds as at this session, growing out of the many urgent claims, and our inability to do, what we in our hearts have felt is needed. But we have done the best we could, after the most thoughtful and prayerful consideration of each claim. These worthy claimants call loudly upon the church to respond more liberally to their needs. Many of them have nothing to depend upon for support but the small sums received from this fund. These veterans would gladly be with the reapers in the great harvest field, but to-day they can do little more than look on while others reap. They feel it a greater sacrifice to be laid aside, and more grace needed to endure enforced retirement, than to be actively engaged in the work of Christ's Kingdom. May the Lord help us, who are still active, to do our whole duty toward these worthy claimants, and may the church be awakened and make the needed provision for the veterans in their age and feebleness.

Resolved, That the committee of arrangement for anniversaries next year be requested to give the Veterans' Anniversary as prominent a place on the program as was done at this session.



DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1878	31 y'rs.	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	\$ 350 00	\$175 00
1871	15 "	James Esgate.....	216 Oxford St., Portland, Me.....	325 00	200 00
1875	14 "	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1891	33 "	George Barton.....	Church Hill, Md.....	200 00	50 00
1893	"	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	400 00	200 00
	"	Wm. B. Walton.....	Salisbury, Md.....		50 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1885	28 y'rs.	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	100 00
1889	40 "	Thomas E. Bell.....	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.....	300 00	125 00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.....	350 00	150 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammitt.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	350 00	200 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley.....	Dunkirk, Md.....	350 00	225 00
1892	19 "	R. C. Jones.....	Alexandria, Ind.....	400 00	250 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg.....	618 West 6th St., Chester.....	400 00	250 00
1892	48 "	James A. Brindle.....	Cordova, Queen Ann Co., Md.....	300 00	200 00
1892	47 "	John H. Caldwell.....	Dover, Del.....	500 00	275 00
1893	48 "	William E. England.....	Seaford, Del.....	500 00	200 00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox.....	Georgetown, Del.....	400 00	175 00
1893	17 "	Wm. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	250 00	125 00
EFFECTIVE.					
1893	7 y'rs.	Joseph S. Moore.....			150 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	4 y'rs.	Hester A. Henderson.....	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.	300 00	140 00
1844	3 "	Drucilla Willets.....	Berlin, Md.....	200 00	100 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandeth.....	1011 St. Bernard Place, W. Phila.	150 00	100 00
1878	15 "	Laura E. Weston.....		225 00	150 00
1879	21 "	Mary S. Thomas.....		200 00	50 00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	606 W. 13th St., Wilm'gton, Del.	325 00	175 00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....		500 00	275 00
1879	22 "	Sallie A. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	300 00	125 00
1882	45 "	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East Market, Dorchest'r Co., Md.	250 00	125 00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	80 00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	Smyrna, Del.....	125 00	80 00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	211 W. 11th St., Wilm'gton, Del.	275 00	100 00
1887	44 "	Rebecca E. Milby.....	Frederica, Del.....	250 00	125 00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	4220 Brown St., Phila., Pa.....	175 00	125 00
1887	6 "	Mollie P. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	400 00	200 00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	200 00	125 00
1888	"	Caroline A. Dare.....	Chester, Penna.....	125 00	75 00
1888	34 "	Emma D. Ewing.....	1622 14th St., Washington, D. C.	100 00	75 00
1891	35 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Elk Neck, Cecil Co., Md.....	200 00	75 00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.	400 00	125 00
1891	50 "	Henrietta M. Allen.....	125 Berkley Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.	300 00	150 00
1892	19 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Milton, Del.....	475 00	225 00
1892	21 "	Rebecca T. Ayers.....		350 00	175 00
1893	35 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Delaware City, Del.....	500 00	290 00
1893	47 "	Susan S. Hill.....	Wilmington Del.....	300 00	215 00
1893	26 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Perryman, Harford Co., Md.....	350 00	180 00
1893	27 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	Preston, Caroline Co., Md.....	200 00	180 00
1893	23 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.....	300 00	235 00
				\$14,500	\$7,875

In Memoriam.

"OUR CROWNED ONES."

"They shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy."

Names.	Entd. Min.	Time of Death.	Place of Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
John E. Elliott,	1859	Nov. 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
Thos. J. Quigley, D. D.,	1836	Oct. 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.	65	44
Daniel Titlow,	1850	Feb. 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
Amos A. Ewing,	1867	Jan. 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
Alfred Cookman,	1848	Nov. 13th, 1872,	Newark, N. J.	43	23
Jas. Augustus Massey,	1827	July 9th, 1891,	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
James Brandreth,	1859	Oct. 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.	34	13
T. J. Thompson, D. D.,	1826	Nov. 29th 1874,	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
Robert E. Kemp,	1828	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	1832	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
Henry Sutton,	1835	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
George A. Campbell,	1871	Sept. 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.	30	4
John W. Weston,	1862	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
John D. Curtis,	1837	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
David R. Thomas,	1845	Feb. 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
Andrew J. Crozier,	1870	Jan. 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
Joshua Humphriss,	1829	Jan. 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
Francis M. Chatham,	1868	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.	41	8
Edward G. Irwin,	1857	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	56	21
John Hough,	1848	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
Thomas J. Williams,	1857	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.	53	22
Wm. I. Baine,	1870	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
Wm. Urie,	1832	Nov. 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
Thomas F. Plummer,	1860	Feb. 2d 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
Elijah Miller,	1833	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
John W. Pierson,	1836	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
Francis B. Quigley,	1880	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
Thomas J. Prettyman,	1873	Feb. 27th, 1882,	Newark, Md.	36	9
Benj. W. Chase,	1865	Dec. 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.	48	17
Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.,	1837	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	1834	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.	78	26
Henry Colclazer,	1829	Dec. 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
John L. Taft,	1833	May 30th 1884,	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
John Shilling,	1869	July 22d, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
A. W. Milby,	1842	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.	71	44
Elon J. Way, M. D.,	1840	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
Valentine Gray,	1839	Jan. 21st, 1887,	Gap Pa.	72	42
Isaiah D. Johnson,	1881	March 4th, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
Wm. J. O'Neil,	1859	March 9th, 1887,	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
Jos. Dare,	1854	Oct. 22d, 1887,	Newark Del.	56	32
Frank M. Morgan,	1886	Feb. 11th, 1889,	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
William Merrill,	1849	Oct. 23d, 1889,	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
Isaac N. Foreman,	1873	June 12th, 1890,	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
John Allen,	1841	Dec. 13th, 1890,	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
Samuel T. Gardner,	1855	Jan. 3d, 1891,	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
Samuel J. Baker,	1889	Sept. 22d, 1891,	Laurel, Del.	33	2
Thos. O. Ayres,	1870	Oct. 14th, 1891,	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
Thos. R. Creamer,	1873	Jan. 10th, 1892,	Milton, Del.	45	19
Vaughan Smith,	1840	Nov. 21st, 1891,	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
Charles Hill,	1845	June 22d, 1892,	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
James L. Houston,	1833	Sep. 18th, 1892,	Trappe, Md.	82	32
Alfred T. Melvin,	1865	Oct. 17th, 1892,	Bel Air Md.	52	24
Alfred A. Fisher,	1859	Dec. 12th, 1893,	Bridgeville Md.	62	17
Wm. B. Gregg,	1857	Jan. 24th, 1893,	Wyoming Del.	68	36
Joseph Robinson,	1847	Feb. 18th, 1893,	Perryman's, Md.	68	45

Memoirs.

REV. JAMES LISTON HOUSTON.

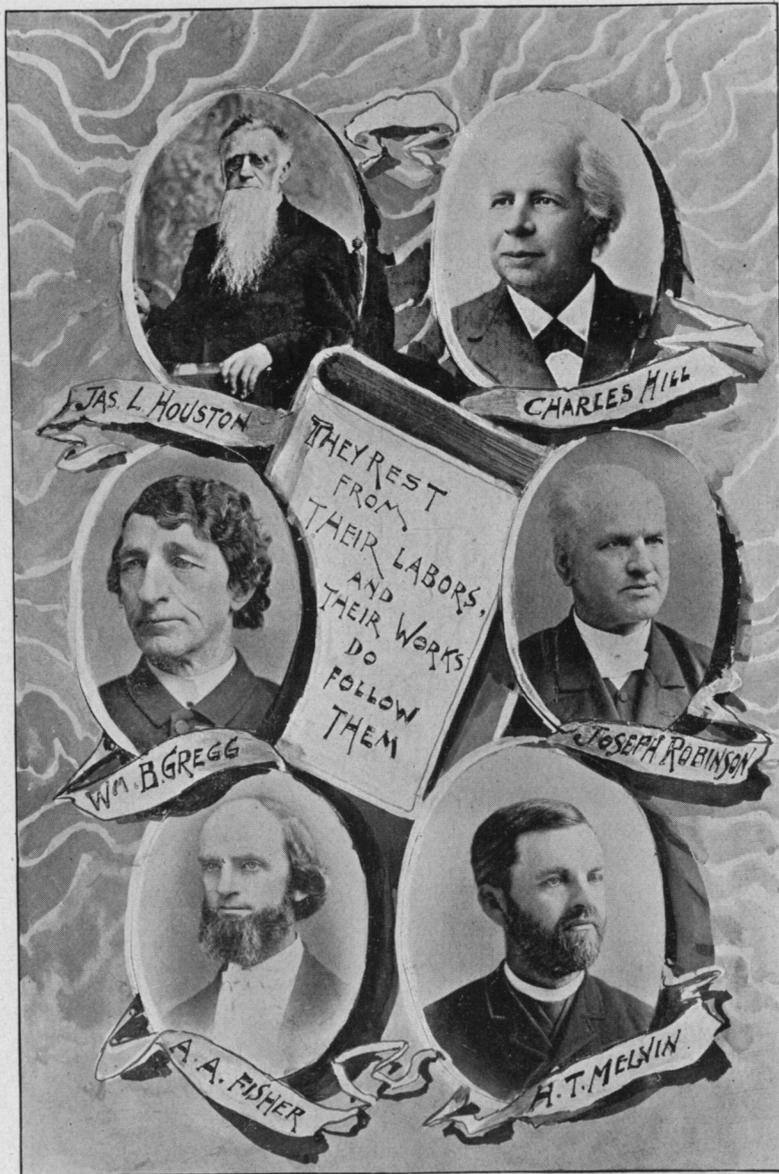
Rev. James Liston Houston, was born near Houston's Branch in Caroline County, Maryland, November 8th, 1810, and closed his earthly career at the home of his son-in-law Mr. T. C. Hughlett, near Trappe, Talbot County, Maryland, September 18th, 1892, having almost completed his 82d year.

He was blessed with an eminent and pious ancestry. His fathers' family were descendants of the Scottish nobility, and of high social standing in his native State. He was able to trace his Methodist lineage through three generations, his parents, grandparents and great-grandparents having been devoted members of that communion.

His educational advantages were fairly good for the period in which he grew up. For several years he was privileged to attend the somewhat noted Bayley school in the town of Cambridge, to which place his father had removed when he was about eight years of age. Being unusually anxious for knowledge his leisure time, while teaching, and afterward while serving as an assistant in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Worcester County, Maryland, was employed in diligent study. While engaged in the latter work, in the town of Snow Hill, he was deeply awakened under the mighty preaching of the Rev. Matthew Sorin, and was happily converted. He at once joined the church of his father; was soon licensed to exhort and then to preach. Forsaking all else, and choosing the life of an Itinerant, he was received on trial into the Philadelphia Annual Conference, in April, 1833, at the session held in Newark, N. J.

Thus commenced a long and eventful service in the Master's cause, in association with a host of rare and heroic leaders whose names abide in fragrant memory on this Peninsula, and under conditions vastly different from those which surround the pastors of the present time. Conditions which demanded stalwart endurance, contempt of exposure, life in the saddle and almost incessant preaching, but which were compensated by mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit, phenomenal accessions to the fold, and the loyalty and love of rejoicing people whose hearts and doors were everywhere open with welcome to the "traveling preacher."

His first assignment, in the long series, was to Accomac Circuit, Virginia, as junior preacher with Rev. Jas Massey. In 1834, he served Snow Hill Circuit. At the Conference of 1835, he was admitted into full connection, ordained a



Deacon and appointed to Elkton, then the only station on the Peninsula. In 1836-37 he was stationed at Lancaster, Pa., having been ordained an Elder in the spring of the latter year. In 1838 he was sent to Kent Circuit, Md., and during this year he was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Price, sister of Rev. Benjamin F. Price, who for forty-one years shared with him the changeful experiences of the Itinerancy. A rare spirit ripened in suffering and long ago crowned in heaven. His subsequent appointments were as follows: In 1839, at Kent Circuit, Md.; 1840-41, Easton, Md.; 1842-43, Smyrna, Del.; 1844-45, Milton, Del.; 1846-47, Milford, Del.; 1848-49, Kensington, Philadelphia; 1850-51, West Chester, Pa.; 1852-53, Milestown, Pa., and 1854 at Newark, Del.

Broken health obliged him at this time to ask for a supernumerary relation. After resting for three years, he was made effective and stationed in 1858-59 at St. Georges, Delaware; 1860-61, at Denton, Maryland; 1862-63, at Camden, Delaware; 1864-65, at Village Green, Pennsylvania and in 1866, at North East, Maryland. Retiring again from the active work he settled in the city of Wilmington, and while here, although occupied with business, he was ever eager with voice and pen to advance the welfare of his Redeemer's Kingdom. Resuming once more his place in the field he was appointed in 1872 to Harrington Circuit, Delaware. To this charge he gave two years of earnest service. At the succeeding session of the Conference, he finally laid aside the responsibilities of the active ministry, being at this time in his sixty-fourth year and in the forty-first of his Itinerancy.

During all the after years, he kept up his interest in current events, and an ardent longing for the prosperity of Zion. He loved the church profoundly, cherished her time-honored institutions, and looked with unconcealed distrust upon modern innovations. Even in the forced retirement of a long and wasting invalidism, he would not consent to be kept in ignorance of the movements of the Lord's cause, but was ever hungry for tidings from the field, and the old-time flash in the eye, at news of some victory, betrayed the veteran warrior's undiminished enthusiasm. And this continued until the end came.

Brother Houston's peculiarities of temperament and character constituted a striking personality. He was enthusiastic and fiery, yet utterly transparent and guileless. He was impatient at all time-serving, hating pretence and shams, knowing nothing of mere policy or indirection, and the very soul of personal and ministerial honor. He had also the courage of his convictions. To think was with him to speak, and he usually defined his views in debate with great skill and resource. His nature was also deeply affectionate, and quickly responsive to the regards of his friends. In manner he was genial and courtly, at home in the company of the cultured and polite, and never unmindful of those delicate courtesies which adorn the social circle.

He was an untiring student. Books were a delight to him, and he poured over them with a relish which seemed never satisfied. Shutting himself up in some library or study he would frequently remain all day without food, utterly oblivious of the flight of time or the needs of the body. Excessive reading late at night, undoubtedly laid the foundation for the nervous conditions which were so marked feature of his sufferings.

As a Christian, he was a rejoicing, pure, consistent follower of the Savior, and during his long life no shadow or stain marred his character or profession.

In the days of his strength he was a preacher who swayed audiences with unusual power. It was his custom to deal chiefly with the great fundamental themes of the Gospel. And in presenting these to dying men, he played all the chords of pulpit influence. He was at times thunderous in denunciation of sin, like some Elijah; and then quickly touched to tears and lament like some Jeremiah; now shouting and exulting in the personal experience of the truth, and now placid and logical with rare skill in the use of Scripture quotations. As a result, he was an awakener of men, and it is not wonderful that great revivals were kindled along the lines of his ministry. There are hundreds who will rise in the great day to call him blessed.

The closing years of his life were full of intense suffering, which was, however, mercifully mitigated by periods of rallying and comparative freedom from pain. It was during these seasons that the old vivacity would assert itself. He was indeed a boy again. Everything on the farm where he was being cared for seemed to afford him entertainment. The orchard, the wild flowers and the river pastimes beguiled his enforced leisure. It was touching to see him so "near to natures heart" in his old age. He longed to live and yet he was ready to die. The end finally came and with it victory.

Among his last expressions was one of blended confession and doxology "I am dying," said he, "in the faith of Jesus. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost." So passed away one of the fathers.

His remains were taken to the city of Wilmington, where impressive funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, after which his body was tenderly laid to rest by his brethren in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, beside that of his beloved wife.

We part from him in the serene confidence that

"Death is but a covered way,"
"Which opens into light."

REV. CHARLES HILL

was born in Dagsboro, Sussex County, Del., February 14, 1822, and died in Salisbury, Md., June 22, 1892, in the 71st year of his age. His family was originally from Worcester County, Md. He was the son of Stephen and Elizabeth Hill, who had been married by Rev. Henry Boehm, and were both devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were five children, of whom Charles was the second. They lost their parents in early life, the mother dying first.

The subject of our memoir went to Philadelphia while quite young and was employed as a clerk in a store. While in Philadelphia he was connected with the old Union Church as a Sunday-School scholar, and was brought under the influence of the Rev. Matthew Sorin, pastor of that church. When Mr. Sorin left Union and went to Ebenezer Church of the same city, such was the love and admiration of our brother for his pastor that he followed him and was converted under his ministry at Ebenezer, in the 18th year of his age. From Philadelphia

he went to Millsboro, Md., where he made his home with Mr. R. F. Hastings, his brother-in-law, who was engaged in business in that town. His school advantages were such as were common in that day, but to these he added a personal devotion to study and reading, so that in his 23d year he was considered qualified to enter the ministry, and in the year 1845 he was received on trial by the Philadelphia Conference. The Conference met that year at Milford, Del. Ten other young men were admitted at the same time—five of whom still remain, T. A. Fernly, Peter Hallowell and William Rink of the Philadelphia, and Henry Sanderson and W. E. England of the Wilmington Conference. In 1847 he was ordained a Deacon, and in 1849 an Elder. In March, 1850, he was married to Miss Susan Westcott, daughter of Hezekiah P. and Susan Westcott, who were residents of the Eastern shore of Virginia. God gave them seven children. Two of whom are deceased. One of the remaining five, Rev. Charles A. Hill, is a member of our Conference.

Brother Hill's appointments were as follows; 1845, he was junior preacher on Cambridge Circuit; 1846-47, Accomac Circuit; 1848, Northampton Circuit; 1849, Salisbury Circuit; 1850-51, Snow Hill Circuit; 1852, Cambridge Circuit, for a second term; 1853-54, again on Accomac Circuit; 1855-56, Centerville; 1857-58, Easton; 1859-60, Smyrna; 1861-62, Asbury, Wilmington; 1863-65, Nazareth, Philadelphia; 1866-67, Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia; 1866, Port Deposit; 1869-71, Asbury, Wilmington, a second term; 1872-73, Union, Wilmington; 1874-75, Port Deposit, a second term; 1876-79, Presiding Elder of Easton District; 1880-82, pastor of Asbury, Wilmington, for third term; 1883-86, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, 1887, pastor of St. Paul's, Wilmington, 1888-91, Elkton. In 1892, because of failing health, much to the regret of his brethren, he asked for and received a supernumerary relation that he might enjoy a much needed rest after forty-seven years of ceaseless toil.

He was possessed of a strong desire to round out his half century in the effective ministry, which he loved dearer than he loved his life, but God ordered it otherwise. On June 22d, 1892, at the residence of his son Rev. Charles A. Hill, in Salisbury, Maryland, he quietly fell asleep in Christ. Just before his death his son said to him, "Father, you remember the promise of the Word," "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." He answered, "Yes, that is it." "You remember the other promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He said, "Certainly I do." The son also quoted, "He is also faithful," for it is written—"Faithful is he that promised who also will do it." He answered, "I fixed on that long ago." To the question, "Is the dear Lord with you now?" He said, "I should be greatly surprised if He were not." And thus, after a few parting words of loving affection with his family,

"As sinks the sun behind the west
So sank his weary soul to rest."

Charles Hill was, as his appointments indicate, a preacher of much more than ordinary ability and usefulness, and history will assign him a place among the foremost preachers of our Peninsula. He was regarded by all as a model Method-

ist preacher, and one whom his younger brethren might safely follow. He was "mighty in the Scriptures," and would so weave their inspired truths into both his prayers and sermons, as that all who heard them were profoundly impressed with his intimate acquaintance with God's gracious will and word.

His sermons were always prepared with great care, and delivered with an unction that moved the hearts of his hearers. Like a faithful Ambassador of Christ he preached for the purpose of effecting immediate results. And gracious revivals of religion attended his ministry.

His texts were never novel or sensational, but of a serious and solid character and whatever was in the text he sought to bring out, supporting every proposition stated with a number of apt scriptural quotations.

Blessed with a fine physique and an excellent voice, he was at times wonderfully eloquent, and in his younger days he was much sought after and called upon to occupy our pulpits at camp meeting on the Sabbath and at church dedications, and many of us can recall how that his stirring appeals on the subject of personal salvation would move the great congregation who listened spell-bound to his enthusiastic presentation of gospel truth. Brother Hill was naturally timid and retiring in his disposition, and for this reason his voice was not often heard in our Conference session, except when imperative duty demanded it. But it was the pleasure of the conference to honor him as but few of our number have been. He was for years a member of the board of Stewards of the Conference, also of the Church Extension Board, Missionary Society and Chairman of the Chartered Fund. Three times he was sent as a delegate to the General Conference, viz., in 1872, 1880 and 1884, and proved to be an honor to those whom he so ably and worthily represented. Three times he served as pastor of Asbury, the old and prosperous mother church of our Wilmington Methodism, and the memory of no preacher is more highly honored in that city than that of Charles Hill.

Twice he served as Presiding Elder and in this responsible field he distinguished himself as in others by an administration that has seldom been equaled.

But our brother has gone to his eternal reward. No more shall we see his manly form, no more shall we hear his eloquent voice, but the fragrance of his fervent devotion and holy life will long linger as a blessing upon the church he loved so well. And of him we may say in the language of Charles Wesley:

"Servant of God well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

"Redeemed from earth and pain,
Oh! when shall we ascend,
And all in Jesus presence reign
With our translated friends."

REV. WILLIAM BENSON GREGG.

Rev. William Benson Gregg was born in Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., August 7th, 1825, and died at Wyoming, Kent Co., Del., January 24th, 1893. His father,

Richard Gregg, was a class-leader and Sunday-School superintendent, and his mother from the age of seven years was a devout christian. Their house was one of the preaching places and a home for the itinerant.

From his infancy Brother Gregg was thus placed under religious influences and carefully taught the doctrines of the Bible, and his feet directed to the church and Sunday-school. At the age of twelve a deep, religious impression was made upon his mind and he presented himself at the altar, but was not at that time converted. When about eighteen years of age, under the ministry of the Rev. Joseph Lybrand, then stationed in Harrisburg, after a struggle of three weeks, he found peace with God, and at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He says in his journal, "One evidence of my conversion was my great desire for the house of God. I could not wait till evening came for class and prayer meeting." A year after on account of poor health he went into the country to live, taking with him his certificate of membership, but finding no Methodist Episcopal Church convenient, he united with the Evangelical Association. When twenty-one years of age, he felt a call to preach, but he says "I was unwilling to obey the call and resisted it with all my might, but had no rest day nor night until I did obey."

August 17th, 1846, he was licensed to preach, and accepted an appointment under the Presiding Elder, and in the spring of 1847 was admitted into the Annual Conference of the Evangelical Association, and continued as a member of that Conference, travelling large circuits until the spring of 1855, when he withdrew from the Evangelical Association and removed to Harrisburg, and reunited with the Methodist Episcopal Church, joining the same society of which he was first a member. His father being in poor health and dying shortly after, it devolved upon Brother Gregg to take charge of his business and settle his estate, in the meantime teaching school and supplying vacant pulpits in the neighborhood. In the spring of 1857 he was admitted into the Philadelphia Conference and appointed to Hummelstown Mission by Bishop Waugh, and has since served the following appointments: Halifax, Middletown Station, Safe Harbor, Pitman Chapel, Philadelphia. In the spring of 1864 he was appointed chaplain in the army but was mustered out in a few months, and appointed to Kent Island, Md., where he labored the balance of that year and the next. In 1866 Smyrna Circuit. The following appointments in the Wilmington Conference were served by him: Greensboro, Seaford, Felton, Smyrna Circuit, Still Pond, Sudlersville, Chester, Mount Pleasant, Epworth, Wilmington; Berlin, Bethel, Parsonsburg, and Wyoming, where he was prostrated in the midst of his first year and called by death to change worlds.

He travelled eight years and four months as a member of the Evangelical Association, and nearly thirty-six years as a Methodist itinerant in connection with the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences. He kept a record of the number of conversions on each charge he served, and they aggregate over 2300. The Master said "There is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth." What joy the conversion of 2300 has occasioned!

Brother Gregg was a sincere man of God, a faithful pastor and an earnest

preacher. The number of conversions which occurred on the charges he served, the churches built and improved, the debts paid, all testify to his fidelity to the work assigned him.

He was stricken with what proved to be his last illness September 19th, 1892, and was confined to his bed for several weeks when through the blessing of God upon the faithful attention of his physician and devoted wife, he was for a time able to be up and walk around town, and on one or two occasions to take a short ride. He expressed himself as hopeful that he would again be able to do some little work.

To his wife on one occasion he said, "I have never missed roll call at Conference, and I feel I would like to answer at the coming session."

His heart was in the work, and throughout his sickness, up to within a week or two of his death, he wanted to know of his son what arrangements he had made for the pulpit.

He expressed a desire to live for his wife and Willie's sake, and yet said, "I want to go to Heaven where there is no suffering, there is much here," and asked his wife to sing for him "My Suffering Time Will Soon Be O'er." Like the Apostle he was in "a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ."

To the writer he expressed himself as fully sustained by the grace of God.

His work is done, he has answered the last roll call, and in Conference to-day his seat is vacant. He has been promoted to the Church on High. The record of his life and work is written where it will stand, and many will rise up and call him blessed.

Brother Gregg was twice married. His first wife was Miss Harriet A. Giesey of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. She died May 12th, 1865, leaving him with two children, both of whom died in early manhood and womanhood. He was married the second time March 4th, 1868, to Miss G. Anna Hutchison of Kent County, Delaware, Bishop Scott performing the ceremony. She with one son are left to mourn his departure. His funeral was held in the church at Wyoming of which he was pastor, and was largely attended by his ministerial brethren on surrounding charges and members of his congregation. Remarks were made by the Presiding Elder, R. H. Adams, Dr. Murray, of Dover, and others, after which his remains were deposited in the beautiful cemetery at Camden, Delaware, to await the morning of the Resurrection.

REV. JOSEPH ROBINSON.

Rev. Joseph Robinson died in the Lord at his home in Perryman, Maryland, Saturday evening the 18th of February after a painful illness of eleven months. He was born in England in 1825, united with the Methodists at the age of fourteen and was licensed to preach when only eighteen. After preaching twenty years in his native country, he emigrated to the United States in April, 1867, and entered the ministry of the Primitive Methodist connection.

Four years afterwards, upon credentials from that church, he was received into the Philadelphia Annual Conference, serving the following charges: Mt.

Joy, 1871-72; Dauphin, 1873-4; Nesquehoning and Summit, 1874-75; and Bangor and Pen Argyl, 1875-77.

At the end of his second year on the last charge, he was transferred to the Wilmington Conference, in which he faithfully and efficiently served the following charges: 1877-79, Dorchester ct.; 1879-82, Camden; 1882-83, Galestown; 1883-86, Rising Sun; 1886-88, Milton; 1888-90, Kent Island; 1890-92, Farmington, Del.

His labors were crowned with success in these several fields of labor. At the end of his second year on Dorchester ct., he reports 154 probationers; 302, at the end of his first year on Camden ct., and 286 the second.

At Galestown, in one year he gathered 111 probationers, more than half as many as he had members; and at the end of his second year at Rising Sun, he reports 112 probationers to 178 full members.

During his first year on Dorchester ct., Brother Robinson was bereaved of his excellent wife, who fell asleep in Jesus, Sabbath evening, November 11th, 1877; having for twenty-five years of married life, proved herself a "helpmeet" indeed, in his sacred work.

At the session of the Wilmington Conference held in Wilmington last March, he was granted a supernumerary relation on account of impaired health, after a continuous ministry of forty-five years.

While on Camden Circuit, Brother Robinson was united in marriage with Mrs. Rebecca Shetline, a lady of a highly respected family in Harford County, Md., who has been a faithful and devoted wife, aiding him in his work and tenderly ministering to him in his long and severe illness.

In all his sufferings Brother Robinson exhibited the graces of patient submission and heroic fortitude, that come to the human soul through living faith in an Almighty Saviour.

He was conscious to the last, rejoicing in a well-grounded hope of endless rest and joy in heaven. Among his latest utterances was this message to his brethren of the Wilmington Conference: "Tell them to go on preaching the grand doctrines of the Gospel of a crucified but risen Christ, which have been to me such a source of comfort and peace through life and are so precious to me now, in my passage through 'the valley of the shadow of Death.'"

Brother Robinson was an earnest, devout and faithful preacher of the Word; always giving helpful exegeses of Bible truth and pressing it home upon the conscience.

He was a modest, dignified, and affable Christian gentleman, and his personal character and life recommended the truth he preached.

His funeral took place from his late residence at 1 p. m., Tuesday, the 21st of February.

Revs. John B. Quigg and John France, by appointment of the Wilmington Preachers' Meeting, represented that body on this mournful occasion; and beside them, there were present the pastor of Aberdeen charge and another member of the Baltimore Conference; also the rector of the Protestant Episcopal parish, the Presbyterian minister, and the pastor of the M. E. Church, South.

Brother Robinson had expressed a desire to have no funeral service except what was provided for in the Church Ritual, unless there should be present some of his brethren of the Wilmington Conference. This preference was respected, and the only addresses delivered, except a few words by Rev. Frank E. Porter, pastor of our church in Aberdeen, were those of the committee as named above.

His body was interred in the family lot, in the cemetery of the Protestant Episcopal parish of that neighborhood.

"But man dieth and wasteth away, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" We rejoice in the confident belief that Brother Robinson is with the glorified company of God's saints in heaven.

REV. ALFRED A. FISHER.

The Rev. Alfred A. Fisher was born in Carlisle, Pa., May 22d, 1830, and died at Bridgeville, Del., December 12th, 1893, of paralysis. He was converted when seventeen years of age under the ministry of Dr. Nadal at Carlisle, and early entered actively into church work. The jail, poorhouse and school house soon found in him a frequent visitor.

His soul longed for opportunity to minister of the grace which he had received.

His mother, a widow in straightened circumstances could not give him the school advantages which he desired. He longed to enter Dickenson College, but it was deemed best for him to learn a trade, and he was bound for five years to a mechanic.

Dr. Peck, then President of Dickinson College, learning of his thirst for knowledge, directed his private reading and study.

Soon after finishing his trade he married Charlotte Rudisill, daughter of Rev. Abram Rudisill and sister of the Rev. A. W. Rudisill of the Baltimore Conference. He then went to Harrisburg, Pa., and entered business.

He united with the old Locust Street Church and was made a class leader. Under the pastorate of the Rev. Alfred Cookman he was made an exhorter, and soon after licensed to preach. He became active in mission work in the neglected part of Harrisburg, and with a few others laid the foundation of two of Harrisburg's strongest churches, old Vine Street and Ridge Avenue. Dr. David Bartine, then his pastor, urged him to give up business and enter the regular work.

In 1859 he was admitted into Philadelphia Conference and with James Mauger appointed to Safe Harbor and Manor Circuit. The following year he was placed in charge of Wiconisco, after which he served the following charges: Fremont, Hamburg, Cherry Valley, Marshallton, Guthrieville and Berlin. The division of the Philadelphia Conference placed him in the Wilmington Conference, in which he served Worcester Circuit, Newtown, Sharptown, Lewisville and Ellendale.

In 1876 his health completely failed through overwork, and he was forced to take a supernumerary relation and soon afterwards was placed on the supernumerated list. But during these years of extreme suffering he was most active in the Master's service.

He attended as long as able the regular services of the charges with which he was connected. The first stroke of paralysis overtook him in the sanctuary, the last one upon his knees in his closet devotions.

The writer first met him when he became his pastor in the spring of the last year of his life.

Though weak and failing in body, he was strong in faith and earnest in prayer for the work which he had so reluctantly abandoned.

The last message to the writer was, that he had been praying all day for him, and the revival services soon to commence for which the prayers of the congregation had been requested. The next day the last of his many prayers was uttered.

It had been his custom to spend a portion of each day in reading the Bible upon his knees and in prayer, immediately after he had arisen for the day. His old well-worn and well-marked Bible had been read through many times in this way. Such expressions as "Very true," "God help us," "Amen," were found after passages that suggested them, all through the old book.

A note at the end of the old testament stated that he had completed one reading of it in this way on a certain date in 1891.

On the day the fatal stroke overtook him his son had assisted him in dressing and left him to his usual devotion. Hearing the sound of his falling he entered the room and found him upon the floor in what proved to be the unconsciousness of death.

The old bible was opened upon the chair at the third chapter of the first epistle by John, and the marks of saliva upon the page indicated that his face had fallen forward upon these words which were probably the last his eyes ever saw and his soul ever contemplated in this world: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God, therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is." In the contemplation of these gracious assurances the film of death spread over the natural eye and the spiritual eye saw face to face.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church, of Bridgeville, Del., and were conducted by the pastor W. P. Compton, assisted by the Rev. Ralph T. Coursey, Rev. Leon Garton, of Newark Conf. and Rev. William Harris.

His second wife, formerly Ruth B. Noble, of Carlisle, Pa., survives him, together with two sons and one daughter. The elder son, the Rev. Curven Bartine Fisher, now a member of the New Jersey Conference.

REV. ALFRED THOMAS MELVIN

was born October 17th, 1840, in Kent County, Md., the son of Anderson W. and Susan Melvin, died October 17th, 1892. He was converted when seventeen years old, and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, which had been the church of his ancestors from its organization.

He was licensed an exhorter in 1864. In the same year was licensed to

preach, and in March, 1865, was admitted to the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

His education was acquired in the public schools and at Washington College; he did not complete the curriculum in the latter.

He continued his relations with the church of his fathers for eighteen years, serving the following charges: Cecil, Howard, Newton, St. Michaels, Milton, Union, Somerset, All Saints, Crumpton, Whaleyville, Baltimore Circuit and Preston. A preference for the polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, caused him to consider a change of church relations.

He came to the Wilmington Conference with his credentials in 1884, having served Wyoming Circuit in the interim of the adjournment of the Maryland Conference and the following session of the Wilmington Conference. He was admitted to this Conference under the presidency of Bishop W. L. Harris. His appointments were as follows: 1884-87, Bethel; 1887-88, Tyaskin, 1888-89, Roxana. In the midst of the labors of this last year he was stricken with disease which so impaired his health that he was compelled to ask for super-numerary relation. In that relation he was compelled to continue by his affliction. A few weeks before his death he was appointed to Preston Charge, only to close his life in the midst of the labors of his high calling.

Brother Melvin was a faithful servant of God. In both denominations of which he was a pastor and preacher, it must be said, he was diligent, true and successful. The details of his work received careful attention.

He was an unassuming man, yet had strong characteristics, followed no one blindly, thought for himself and whatever conclusions he reached they formed the bases of action. He was pronounced in his views upon all moral questions. Neutrality, in a moment when some issue touching the life or morals of the people, for him would be treason. He could not be idle. The jail, and as health permitted, the occasional calls of his brethren upon him for service, were the opened doors he gladly entered to carry the message of salvation. He believed in God, therefore the things which had befallen him, causing him to rest so largely from his labors, he was wont to believe, in some way inscrutable, was the will of his Heavenly Father. Brother Melvin was twice married; April 28, 1870, he was united with Miss Susan Rodney of whom he was bereaved, October 25, 1874; October 31, 1876, to Miss Marion Swartz of Belair, Harford Co., Md., who shared the joys and the sorrows, and entered into the labors of him, with whom she had cast her lot, as a Methodist preacher's wife. She, and the three children given them survive him. His warfare over, sufferings ended, the victory won, he calmly rests, awaiting the resurrection of the just.

MRS. ELIZABETH MAYNARD THOMPSON.

The venerable widow of Rev. T. J. Thompson, D. D., died in Smyrna, Del., April 4, 1892, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. She was born in Baltimore, Md., January 22, 1805. Her father, Capt. Foster Maynard was one of the "Old Defenders" of Fort McHenry in 1814. He moved to Talbot Co., Md., purchasing a farm near St. Michael's. Here the daughter attended the Old Ferry Meeting

House, where she was converted, at once uniting with the church. She was married to Rev. Thomas J. Thompson by Rev. George G. Cookman, March 31, 1831. One son and five daughters of their ten children survive their honored parents. All these have been in the church from childhood; two of them entering the itinerant field, Rev. Henry S. Thompson, pastor at Felton, Del., and Mrs. Lillie Gracey wife of Rev. Samuel L. Gracey, U. S. Consul, Foochow, China. Besides these six children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are left to honor the memory and emulate the example of their godly parents.

She sought retirement rather than publicity and in her own home her virtues shone the brightest. She was revered and honored by her children, and their tender ministrations were a great comfort in her declining years.

Her well-worn Bible attests the constant use she made of the sacred Word, and to her latest years, when health permitted she was found in her place in the house of the Lord.

One of her striking characteristics was the carefulness with which she spoke of others. Universal charity and thoughtfulness marked her every statement. No reputation ever suffered at her hands.

She retained her faculties to the close of her life, and her interest in the cause of Christ, and the church of her choice never abated.

Appropriate funeral services were held April 7th, at Smyrna, in charge of Rev. W. W. Wilson, her pastor, participated in by Rev. Drs. J. A. Roche, W. S. Robinson, E. C. Macnichol and N. M. Browne. Thus

“ * * * ” set as sets the morning star
Which goes not down behind the darkened west,
Nor hides obscured among the tempests of the sky,
But melts away into the light of Heaven.”

MRS. JULIA A. CONNER,

wife of Rev. James Conner, was born in Bucks' County Pa., March 16th, 1850, and died April 29th, 1892, aged 42 years 1 month and 13 days.

In 1855 she came with her parents to live in Magnolia, Del., where for the first time she attended a Methodist Sunday School, and here under the pastoral care of Rev. J. O. Sypherd she was subsequently converted and joined the church. She was married to Brother Conner March 31st, 1870, and shared with him the varied experiences of an itinerant life until last spring, when the summoning angel came and called her to the home on high.

Sister Conner was a fine specimen of true and noble womanhood. She was a helpmeet for her husband in the work of the pastorate; she carried sunshine and gladness everywhere. She bore with becoming grace and fortitude all the privations and annoyances that necessarily come to the wife of an itinerant minister and could always find something to relieve the unpleasant and disagreeable experiences. Having entered the work of the itinerancy she accepted the conditions, and when sometimes her husband was disposed to yield to the discouraging circumstances that beset him in his work, she was always at his side with words of encouragement that stimulated and inspired him with new life and vigor and gave

him success where without her he would have found it hard to succeed at all. As a wife and mother she was untiring in her labor of love for her husband and children, and she counted it her chief delight to minister to their comfort and happiness, while she filled every position to which her work in the itinerancy brought her, it was here, within the sacred precincts of the home that Sister Conner appeared to the best advantage, and only those who met her there ever really knew her true worth or felt her true womanly influence.

In her friendships she was most generous. Her spirit was intense but not demonstrative, and it was a pure delight to her to do good to those who were in need of assistance. Of her it could be truthfully said “she stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.” Hers was indeed a religion of kindness, and many there are who to-day call her blessed.

For some time previous to last spring Sister Conner had been in failing health, and at times she was a great sufferer, and it was with the hope that the change of locality might be beneficial to her that Brother Conner sought and obtained an appointment in the upper part of our Conference territory, where it was supposed there was less of the malarial influences that prevail in some parts of our Peninsula, but in this she was doomed to disappointment. Death had marked her for his own, and after a brief stay of less than a month in her new home on the banks of the beautiful Brandywine, the end came and she passed quietly away from the home on earth to the home prepared for her on high, where she now rests forever free from the trials and afflictions that beset us here below.

The funeral services were held at the home of her father Edmund Stout, Esq., in Magnolia, Del., and her remains were deposited in the cemetery at Barrett's Chapel attended by numerous relatives and friends, who sorrowfully came to say farewell, but who sorrow not as those who have no hope, for, though separated now for a time, we shall meet again.

“And in that land of joy and song
We'll never say good-bye.”

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

COLLECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.				EASTON DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr
Bethel and Summit.....	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Appoquinimink.....	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00
Charlestown.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Bayside.....	20 00	10 00	20 00
Cherry Hill.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Cecilton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Chesapeake City.....	35 00	35 00	30 00	Centreville.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Chester.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Chestertown.....	85 00	85 00	85 00
Christiana.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Cheswold.....			20 00
Claymont.....	20 00	15 00	15 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Delaware City.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Clayton.....			25 00
Edge Moor, East Lake.	10 00	5 00	5 00	Cordova.....	20 00	20 00	25 00
Elk Neck.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Crumpton.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Elkton and Crouch's..	80 00	80 00	80 00	Easton.....	80 00	80 00	80 00
Hockessin & Ebenezer	25 00	14 00	20 00	Galena.....	35 00	40 00	40 00
Hopewell.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Greensboro.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Marshallton, Stanton.	12 00	16 00	15 00	Hillsboro.....	35 00	30 00	30 00
Mt. Lebanon & Union.	25 00	25 00	25 00	Ingleside.....	12 00	12 00	12 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00	35 00	30 00	Kent Island.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Newark and Wesley...	40 00	40 00	40 00	Kenton.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
New Castle.....	70 00	70 00	70 00	Marydel.....	22 00	22 00	22 00
Newport.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Middletown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00
North East.....	40 00	40 00	45 00	Millington.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Perryville.....		10 00	10 00	Odessa.....	60 00	40 00	45 00
Port Deposit.....	85 00	85 00	85 00	Oxford.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Port Penn.....	5 00	3 00	5 00	Piney Neck.....			10 00
Red Lion & Glasgow....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Pomona.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Rising Sun.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Queenstown.....	25 00	27 00	25 00
Rowlandville & Mt. P..	5 00	5 00	5 00	Rock Hall.....	35 00	30 00	35 00
St. Georges.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Royal Oak.....	30 00		25 00
Wilmington, Asbury..	150 00	175 00	150 00	St. Michael's.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
" Brandywine.....	45 00	45 00	45 00	Salem & Zion.....	15 00	20 00	20 00
" Cookman.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Sassafras & Masseys	19 00	8 00	15 00
" Epworth.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Smyrna.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
" Grace.....	250 00	500 00	250 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	65 00	65 00	30 00
" Harrison Street..		10 00	10 00	Still Pond.....	80 00	80 00	80 00
" Kingswood.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Sudlersville.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
" Madeley.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Talbot.....		15 00	15 00
" Mt. Salem.....	50 00	60 00	50 00	Tilghman.....		15 00	20 00
" St. Paul's.....	150 00	238 00	150 00	Townsend.....	20 00	25 00	25 00
" Scott.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Trappe.....	30 00	20 00	25 00
" Silverbrook.....	10 00	8 00	10 00	Union.....			20 00
" Swedish Mission	5 00	8 00	5 00	Wye and Starr.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
" Union.....	140 00	140 00	140 00				
" Wesley.....	15 00	20 00	15 00				
Zion Circuit.....	45 00	30 00	45 00				

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

COLLECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.				SALISBURY DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr
Beckwith & Spedden's	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Annessex.....	\$ 16 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 16 00
Bridgeville.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Asbury.....	60 00	87 00	70 00
Burrsville.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Barren Creek.....	5 00	2 00	5 00
Cambridge.....	100 00	65 00	80 00	Berlin.....	20 00	30 00	20 00
Camden.....	40 00	45 00	40 00	Bethel.....	21 00	21 00	21 00
Cannon's.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Bishopville.....	20 00		20 00
Church Creek.....	15 00	10 00	15 00	Cape Charles City..	5 00	5 00	10 00
Crapo.....	30 00	25 00	30 00	Chincoteague.....	10 10	10 00	10 00
Denton.....	30 00	40 00	30 00	Crisfield.....	60 00	85 00	70 00
Dorchester.....	5 00	10 00	5 00	Deal's Island.....	50 00	60 00	50 00
Dover, Wesley.....	150 00	214 00	150 00	Delmar.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
" Armory.....		5 00	20 00	Fairmount.....	75 00	77 00	75 00
East New Market.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Frankford.....	35 00	30 00	35 00
Ellendale.....	20 00	5 00	20 00	Fruitland.....	10 00	9 00	10 00
Elliott's Island.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Girdle Tree.....	20 00	22 00	20 00
Farmington.....	20 00	23 00	20 00	Gumboro.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Federalburg.....	30 00	35 00	30 00	Holland's Island..	20 00	20 00	20 00
Felton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Laurel.....	65 00	68 00	65 00
Frederica.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Millsboro.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Galestown.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Mt. Pleasant.....		5 00	5 00
Georgetown.....	35 00	35 00	40 00	Mt. Vernon.....	15 00	20 00	15 00
Greenwood Circuit....	30 00	10 00	10 00	Nanticoke.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Greenwood.....	30 00	35 00	30 00	Newark.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Harrington.....	35 00	18 00	35 00	New Church.....	5 00	1 00	5 00
Hooper's Island.....	10 00	9 00	10 00	Onancock.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Houston.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Parksley.....	10 00	2 00	10 00
Hurlock.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Parsonsburg.....	15 00	10 00	15 00
Lakeville.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Pocomoke Circuit..	10 00	10 00	10 00
Leipsic.....	30 00	20 00	20 00	Pocomoke City.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Lewes.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Powellsville.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Lincoln.....	30 00	31 00	30 00	Princess Ann.....	10 00	15 00	15 00
Little Creek.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Quantico.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Magnolia.....	30 00	25 00	30 00	Quindocqua.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Milford.....	100 00	75 00	85 00	Roxanna.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Milton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Reed's Wharf.....	5 00		
Nassau.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	St. Peter's.....	30 00	38 00	40 00
Preston.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Salisbury.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Salem Circuit.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Selbyville.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Seaford.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Sharptown.....	20 00	10 00	20 00
Vienna.....	20 00	10 00	20 00	Smith's Island.....	35 00	38 00	35 00
Williamsburg.....		10 00	10 00	Snow Hill.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Williston.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Somerset.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Woodside.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Stockton.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Wyoming.....	20 00	15 00	20 00	Tangier.....	45 00	50 00	45 00
Zoar.....		5 00	10 00	Westover.....	10 00	8 00	10 00
				Whitesville.....	25 00	20 00	25 00

APPORTIONMENTS FOR
BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.					EASTON DISTRICT.					
NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions.	Ch. Ex.	F. A. & S. Ed.		Missions.	Ch. Ex.	F. A. & S. E.			
			Ep. Fund.	Dom. Miss.			Ep. Fund.	Dom. Miss.		
Bethel and Summit.....	65	10	8	12	9	80	15	10	10	6
Charlestown.....	71	10	9	14	10	40	10	5	5	5
Cherry Hill and Union.....	176	20	15	16	12	185	25	16	20	15
Chesapeake City.....	70	10	10	15	11	250	25	22	20	15
Chester.....	100	15	9	15	8	325	30	30	22	20
Christiana.....	44	10	6	10	6	75	8	8	5	5
Claymont.....	30	10	5	5	4	140	25	15	10	15
Delaware City.....	100	15	15	15	10	100	15	10	10	5
Elk Neck.....	40	10	6	6	4	75	12	8	8	7
Elkton and Crouchs's.....	300	46	25	25	16	30	10	5	5	5
Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	75	10	7	10	7	350	30	28	20	25
Hopewell.....	55	10	5	9	5	125	12	16	10	12
Marshallton and Stanton.....	55	10	7	6	6	100	18	12	10	10
Mt. Lebanon and Union.....	70	10	7	6	6	150	18	14	11	10
Mt. Pleasant.....	65	10	10	10	7	60	12	10	8	8
Newark and Wesley.....	130	15	15	15	12	150	17	12	10	10
New Castle.....	240	53	25	30	14	70	18	8	10	12
Newport and Elsmere.....	150	15	10	15	9	100	15	10	10	8
North East.....	140	15	10	17	9	460	45	32	23	25
Perryville.....	15	3	2	2	2	115	25	20	18	15
Port Deposit.....	275	15	15	20	10	150	20	15	10	15
Port Penn.....	15	10	5	2	2	80	14	10	6	8
Red Lion and Glasgow.....	66	10	5	8	4	20	5	3	2	3
Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	125	15	10	15	9	80	18	10	6	10
Rowlands'le & Mt. Pl's'n't.....	20	10	5	5	4	80	14	10	8	8
St. Georges.....	85	10	7	13	8	110	15	12	8	8
Wilmington-Asbury.....	1100	75	75	45	40	25	5	3	4	5
" Brandywine.....	200	15	10	22	14	260	30	20	18	18
" Cookman.....	30	10	5	4	3	40	8	6	6	6
" E. Lake, Edge Moor.....	30	10	2	2	2	50	8	5	4	8
" Epworth.....	80	10	7	10	5	600	50	35	33	30
" Grace.....	3000	225	210	65	60	100	10	8	8	10
" Harrison Street.....	25	10	7	7	5	160	20	15	15	10
" Kingswood.....	50	10	5	5	5	100	20	15	12	12
" Madeley.....	88	10	5	10	6	50	10	8	6	8
" Mt. Salem.....	325	15	15	25	13	50	10	8	6	6
" St. Paul's.....	750	88	50	35	40	80	12	10	8	8
" Scott.....	265	20	15	25	14	100	10	8	8	8
" Silverbrook.....	35	10	5	5	4	30	8	5	4	5
" Swedish Mission.....	30	10	5	3	2	80	12	10	8	8
" Union.....	600	59	30	30	25	30	8	5	4	5
" Wesley.....	75	10	5	10	5	80	12	10	8	8
Zion Circuit.....	175	28	10	18	15					

APPORTIONMENTS FOR
BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	DOVER DISTRICT.				SALISBURY DISTRICT.						
	Missions.	Ch. Ex.	F. A. & S. Ed. Ep. Fund.	Dom. Miss.	Missions.	Ch. Ex.	F. A. & S. Ed. Ep. Fund.	Dom. Miss.			
Beckwith.....	100	25	15	10	10	Annessex.....	55	16	16	6	3
Bridgeville.....	100	30	15	10	15	Asbury.....	200	40	40	16	15
Burrsville.....	75	20	10	5	10	Barren Creek.....	25	12	12	3	2
Camden.....	400	50	20	25	20	Berlin.....	8	25	25	10	10
Camden.....	150	25	15	15	10	Bethel.....	100	25	25	10	10
Cannon.....	125	25	15	15	10	Bishopville.....	100	25	25	10	10
Church Creek.....	50	20	10	5	10	Cape Charles.....	30	18	18	7	8
Crapo.....	150	30	15	15	10	Chincoteague.....	60	30	30	12	10
Denton.....	200	30	10	20	15	Crisfield.....	200	40	40	16	15
Dorchester.....	10	10	5	1	5	Deal's Island.....	200	40	40	16	15
Dover.....	600	60	20	25	30	Delmar.....	125	25	25	10	10
Dover Second Church.....	20	10	5	5	5	Fairmount.....	500	45	45	17	20
E. N. Market.....	100	25	10	10	10	Frankford.....	125	33	33	12	12
Ellendale.....	50	15	5	5	5	Fruitland.....	60	16	16	7	8
Elliott's Island.....	50	15	10	2	5	Girdle Tree.....	110	8	28	12	10
Farmington.....	100	25	10	5	10	Gumboro.....	75	20	20	8	10
Federalsburg.....	100	30	10	10	15	Holland's Island.....	100	15	15	6	6
Felton.....	125	25	10	10	10	Laurel.....	200	40	40	16	15
Frederica.....	175	25	15	15	10	Millsboro.....	75	20	20	10	10
Galestown.....	125	30	10	10	15	Mt. Pleasant.....	75	20	20	10	10
Georgetown.....	200	30	10	1	15	Mt. Vernon.....	100	25	25	10	10
Georgetown Circuit.....	75	15	6	5	5	Nanticoke.....	175	35	35	14	12
Greenwood.....	150	25	10	10	10	Newark.....	80	25	25	10	8
Harrington.....	125	25	10	10	10	New Church.....	30	10	10	4	2
Hooper's Island.....	50	20	10	3	5	Onancock.....	150	35	35	14	12
Houston.....	125	30	10	10	10	Parsonsburg.....	100	18	18	7	10
Hurlock.....	125	25	10	10	10	Parkesley.....	60	20	20	8	8
Lakesville.....	25	15	10	1	5	Pocomoke City.....	100	25	25	10	12
Leipsic.....	50	20	10	5	10	Pocomoke Circuit.....	55	15	15	6	8
Lewes.....	200	35	15	15	15	Powellville.....	55	12	12	5	10
Lincoln.....	150	35	15	10	15	Princess Anne.....	75	12	12	5	8
Little Creek.....	25	10	5	5	5	Quantic.....	75	20	20	8	10
Magnolia.....	125	25	15	10	10	Quindocqua.....	55	16	16	6	3
Milford.....	500	60	20	25	30	Read's Wharf.....	130	35	35	14	12
Milton.....	150	25	10	10	10	Rehoboth.....	25	10	10	4	3
Nassau.....	125	25	10	15	10	Salisbury.....	200	45	45	18	18
Preston.....	75	25	10	5	5	Selbyville.....	75	15	15	6	8
Salem.....	25	15	10	1	10	Shaptown.....	80	16	16	6	6
Seaford and B.....	200	35	10	15	15	Snow Hill.....	135	30	25	10	12
Vienna.....	75	25	10	5	10	Smith's Island.....	150	30	30	12	12
Williamsburg.....	75	20	10	5	10	Somerset.....	100	22	22	8	12
Williston.....	100	30	10	10	15	St. Peter's.....	175	35	35	14	15
Woodside.....	70	20	10	5	10	Stockton.....	50	15	15	6	8
Wyoming.....	75	20	10	5	10	Tangier.....	175	35	35	14	15
Zoar.....	40	10	5	5	5	Westover.....	50	15	15	6	8
						Whitesville.....	125	30	30	12	40

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT,

No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership				Baptisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'n Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and teachers.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	
1 Bethel and Summit.....	21	101	1	1	5	5	2	17	109	2	5000	\$ 2500	\$ 30	
2 Charlestown.....	30	200	1	1	6	28	4	50	325	4	9000	1200	250	
3 Cherry Hill and Union.....	38	817	4	8	35	59	4	59	379	2	9000	1	3000	
4 Chesapeake City.....	1	168	1	1	2	23	2	23	130	1	10800	.....	.....
5 Chester.....	3	132	2	2	2	20	1	20	169	1	15000	.....	25
6 Christiana.....	7	92	4	4	2	22	2	22	145	2	3000	.....	575
7 Claymont.....	9	23	1	3	4	1	1	12	64	1	5000	.....	38
8 Delaware City.....	130	4	12	1	19	115	1	11000	1	1000	300	.....	1100
9 Elk Neck.....	25	74	8	10	2	24	136	3000	1	1000	5000	.....	2000
10 Elkton and Crouch's.....	14	280	1	30	3	4	60	500	2	5000	1	2000	170
11 Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	5	108	1	1	4	2	30	225	2	2500	1	1000	183
12 Hopewell.....	18	120	1	16	3	1	24	144	1	2500	1	1000	170
13 Marshallton and Stanton.....	22	153	1	3	13	3	41	324	2	4500	.....	.....	183
14 Mt. Lebanon and Union.....	7	95	3	1	3	2	26	246	2	4000	.....	.....	170
15 Mt. Pleasant.....	15	87	1	1	6	2	1	13	100	1	2500	.....	1500
16 Newark and Wesley.....	2	156	1	1	1	7	2	35	300	2	10000	1	2500	
17 New Castle.....	13	293	3	4	23	2	1	36	340	1	18000	1	3500	
18 Newport and Elsmere.....	30	170	1	4	12	13	2	33	257	2	8000	1	2300	
19 North East.....	124	225	1	2	10	1	1	31	299	1	8000	1	2500	
20 Port Deposit.....	19	215	6	9	1	48	353	1	30000	1	2500	.....	189
21 Port Penn.....	13	16	1	1	1	1	7	70	1	3000	.....	.....	3000
22 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	11	90	1	1	16	2	24	110	2	8000	.....	.....	115
23 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	47	150	1	1	7	29	2	31	248	2	14000	1	2500	
24 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant	3	56	2	2	1	12	125	2	4000	.....	.....	.....	60
25 St. Georges'.....	6	130	1	1	11	9	1	22	100	1	5000	1	2100	
26 Wilmington-Asbury.....	107	747	2	21	66	10	2	69	820	1	46000	1	4000	
27 Brandywine.....	42	336	1	5	26	4	2	66	565	1	20000	200
28 Cookman.....	11	77	1	13	1	21	125	200
29 East Lake and Edgemoor.....	14	47	1	10	1	2	41	200	2	3600	4000
30 Epworth.....	27	270	1	2	25	4	1	33	500	1	4000	12000
31 Grace.....	113	510	2	5	8	4	1	78	499	1	225000	1	20000	
32 Harrison St.....	27	100	9	1	1	31	250	1	7500	45
33 Kingswood.....	206	144	53	13	1	28	374	1	1200
34 Madeley.....	7	240	1	3	24	3	1	36	380	1	8000	360
35 Mt. Salem.....	8	252	2	2	28	7	2	51	490	1	25000	1	2000	
36 St. Paul's.....	43	465	3	7	5	3	2	84	542	1	60000	1	4000	
37 Scott.....	375	2	4	35	8	2	60	750	1	20000	1	2600		
38 Silverbrook.....	32	80	1	2	4	1	1	21	165	1	10000	.....	5000
39 Swedish Mission.....	2	35	1	1	5	5	35	1	3600	4500
40 Union.....	75	650	2	5	30	10	2	78	800	1	35000	1	2500	
41 Wesley.....	16	162	1	2	25	.....	2	62	405	1	14000	1	1500
42 Zion Circuit.....	12	390	2	5	20	5	4	55	345	4	16000	1	1500	
Total.....	1227	8461	38	128	666	168	72	1538	12538	63	\$701000	28	\$82975	\$28949

*In course of erection.

TABLES.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT,

No. 2.

	CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										No. of Officers and Church Members of Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this yr.	Current Expenses--Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers, who are Church Members of Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this yr.					Current Expenses--Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1	.....	.....	2	8	9	17	40	69	109	57	408	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	.....	600	4	18	32	50	80	245	325	275	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	.....	600	4	20	39	59	116	263	379	193	390	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	.....	100	2	9	12	23	40	90	130	75	215	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	25	1	11	9	20	169	1950	169	58	191	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.....	46	2	14	22	15	130	145	50	500	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	.....	550	1	7	5	12	25	39	64	42	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	.....	91	1	11	11	22	35	80	115	60	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	.....	1000	2	13	11	24	33	103	136	71	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	.....	.....	4	20	40	60	.....	500	500	50	430	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	350	150	2	8	22	30	80	145	225	140	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	400	259	1	18	16	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	.....	188	2	18	23	41	90	234	324	185	262	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	.....	250	2	12	26	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	.....	.....	1	8	13	45	55	100	40	200	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	.....	200	2	14	21	35	75	225	300	175	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	.....	1000	1	6	30	36	126	214	340	218	292	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	256	235	2	10	23	33	124	133	257	135	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	.....	.....	1	12	24	36	125	174	299	135	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	.....	1632	1	20	28	48	93	260	353	38	580	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	.....	800	1	2	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	.....	600	2	11	13	24	25	85	110	65	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	100	588	2	14	17	31	80	160	248	150	440	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	.....	.....	1	6	6	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	.....	.....	1	6	15	22	40	60	100	70	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	.....	.....	2	17	52	69	325	495	820	500	650	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	.....	2500	2	31	35	66	209	356	565	407	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	734	.....	1	21	.....	21	45	80	125	81	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	.....	300	2	14	27	41	100	100	200	140	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	.....	700	1	10	23	33	200	300	500	325	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	.....	9000	1	16	62	78	119	380	499	335	1050	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	2900	100	1	14	17	31	110	140	250	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	1200	.....	1	9	19	28	131	243	374	248	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	.....	3000	1	36	14	50	200	160	360	300	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	.....	.....	2	15	36	51	115	375	490	290	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	2000	.....	2	18	66	84	70	472	542	433	700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	100	300	2	24	36	60	250	500	750	500	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	.....	.....	1	7	17	21	40	125	165	95	325	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	.....	1200	1	2	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	626	.....	2	26	62	78	200	600	800	504	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	1570	3439	2	12	50	62	100	305	405	300	390	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
42	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	345	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$10478	\$33785	73	548	978	1572	3610	7903	12538	7443	12723	1378	2263	461	60494	.....	.....

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT,
No. 3.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Supp't of Pr's'dg Elders.		Supp't of B'hops.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.				
1 Bethel & Summit...	G. W. Bowman.....	\$ 525	\$100	\$ 625	\$ 525	100	625	\$ 30	\$ 12	12	12
2 Charlestown.....	E. H. Hynson.....	700	80	780	700	80	780	30	14	14	14
3 Cherry Hill.....	T. B. Hunter.....	800	125	925	800	125	925	60	16	16	16
4 Chesapeake City.....	L. G. Fosnocht.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	36	15	15	15
5 Chester.....	E. S. Mace.....	700	125	825	700	125	825	44	15	15	15
6 Christiana.....	T. G. Eiswald.....	500	75	575	500	75	575	24	10	10	10
7 Claymont.....	G. E. Wood.....	400	400	440	400	440	440	14	5	5	5
8 Delaware City.....	A. P. Prettyman.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	40	15	15	15
9 Elk Neck.....	Edwin Gardner.....	455	100	555	455	100	555	14	14	14	14
10 Elkton & Crouch's.....	L. L. Wood.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	84	25	25	25
11 Hockessin and Eb.....	D. H. Corkran.....	700	125	825	700	125	825	24	24	24	24
12 Hopewell.....	B. F. Price.....	425	75	500	425	75	500	20	9	9	9
13 Marshallton & St'n.....	C. H. Williams.....	550	80	630	550	80	630	20	6	6	6
14 Mt. Lebanon.....	James Conner.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	24	6	6	6
15 Mt. Pleasant.....	W. E. Tomkinson.....	500	125	625	525	125	650	34	10	10	10
16 Newark & Wesley.....	W. J. DuHadway.....	800	150	950	850	150	1000	40	15	15	15
17 New Castle.....	T. E. Martindale.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	84	30	30	30
18 Newport.....	A. S. Mowbray.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	40	15	15	15
19 North East.....	W. G. Koons.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	40	17	17	17
20 Port Deposit.....	Adam Stengle.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	84	15	15	15
21 Port Penn.....	D. J. Givan.....	300	300	300	300	300	300	10	2	2	2
22 Red Lion and Glas.....	John Boehm.....	450	50	500	450	50	500	24	8	8	8
23 Rising Sun & Syl'r.....	J. E. Bryan.....	850	150	1000	858	150	1008	32	15	15	15
24 Rowlandville.....	W. H. S. Loller.....	400	400	300	300	100	100	12	5	5	5
25 St. George's.....	G. L. Hardesty.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	32	13	13	13
26 Wilm't'n-Asbury.....	J. D. C. Hanna.....	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	160	45	45	45
27 Brandywine.....	J. P. Otis.....	1000	204	1204	1000	204	1204	50	20	20	20
28 Cookman.....	W. L. White.....	500	500	500	500	500	500	11	3	3	3
29 East Lake & E.M.....	M. B. Bullock.....	350	350	350	350	350	350	8	8	8	8
30 Epworth.....	Isaac Jewel.....	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180	20	10	10	10
31 Grace.....	J. Y. Dobbins.....	3000	500	3500	3000	500	3500	244	60	60	60
32 Harrison St.....	F. B. Short.....	600	600	600	600	600	600	12	7	7	7
33 Kingswood.....	H. S. Dulaney.....	720	144	864	720	144	864	16	5	5	5
34 Madely.....	D. F. Waddell.....	700	132	832	700	132	832	20	10	10	10
35 Mt. Salem.....	S. M. Morgan.....	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	76	25	25	25
36 St. Paul's.....	T. E. Terry.....	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	160	45	45	45
37 Scott.....	John France.....	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	60	25	25	25
38 Silverbrook.....	M. E. Bowman.....	500	500	500	500	500	500	16	5	5	5
39 Swedish Mission.....	Chas. Norstrom.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	4	1	1	1
40 Union.....	E. L. Hubbard.....	1500	325	1825	1500	325	1825	160	30	30	30
41 Wesley.....	J. B. Quigg.....	750	200	950	750	200	950	20	10	10	10
42 Zion Circuit.....	L. W. Layfield.....	1000	100	1100	1000	100	1100	60	18	18	18
Total.....		3342	5485	8890	33447	5485	38932	1100	1989	1986	\$615 \$592

TABLES.
WILMINGTON DISTRICT,
No. 4.

CONF. CLAIMANTS.	C' R' N' T EXP' N' S	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																					
		REC'D FROM			MISSIONS.				Educa-tional.			Other											
		Collec-tions.	Endow-ments.	Other Sources.	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and South-ern Education Society.	(a) Children's Fund.	(b) Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mission-ary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	General Conference Exp.	Conference Education Soc'y.	Ladies' Hall.	Domestic Missions.	Stewards' Endown't Fund.		
1	\$ 25	20	20	20	155	\$ 30	\$ 51	\$ 21	\$ 72	\$ 10	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
6	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
8	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
9	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
10	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
11	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
12	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
13	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
14	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
15	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
16	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
17	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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19	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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23	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
24	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
25	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
26	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
27	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
28	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
29	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
30	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
31	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
32	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
33	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
34	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
35	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
36	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
37	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
38	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
39	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
40	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
41	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
42	25	20	20	20	155	30	51	21	72	10	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total	2151	26 41	2216	14275	6169	2960	6254	9214	\$890	\$165	\$165	\$606	\$366	\$800	\$263	1158	1779	85	\$117	\$28	\$335	\$29	

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT,
No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'r'n baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.
1 Beckwith	11	160	1	16	2	23	165	2	3600	1	\$ 1500	\$ 15	
2 Bridgeville	25	189	1	2	3	1	19	205	4	8000	1	1500	180
3 Burrsville	30	220	1	1	4	36	370	4	5000	1	1500	185	
4 Cambridge	42	486	1	125	1	1	44	367	1	25000	1	2500	.....
5 Camden	25	230	4	4	24	6	61	251	3	11000	1	1200	.....
6 Cannon	16	435	1	1	15	4	55	427	4	5000	1	1400	1000
7 Church Creek	4	264	1	4	4	4	29	154	4	5400	1	1000	257
8 Crapo	28	380	2	5	18	6	59	300	5	600	1	1000	250
9 Denton	33	226	2	1	10	3	3	307	3	8000	1	1600	80
10 Dorchester	50	25	3	4	2	20	125	57	5	2000	1	.....	50
11 Dover, Wesley	40	530	3	5	22	50	500	20000	1	6000	1	6000	600
12 " Armory	100	80	1	4	55	20	150	4000	1	4000	1	1200	.....
13 East New Market	91	240	1	1	2	30	240	4000	1	4000	1	1500	40
14 Ellendale	27	136	2	5	5	23	30	3700	1	3700	1	700	48
15 Elliott's Island	9	60	1	1	1	13	91	1400	1	1400	1	500	218
16 Farmington	43	140	2	2	4	4	292	6000	1	1000	1	40	40
17 Federalsburg	51	208	2	6	2	39	228	5500	1	1500	1	40	40
18 Felton	13	204	2	2	4	34	230	7000	1	2000	1	.....	.....
19 Frederica	3	220	1	1	1	29	175	7000	1	2000	1	2500	.....
20 Galestown	37	298	3	4	1	57	389	4900	1	1000	1	75	.....
21 Georgetown	41	260	3	2	24	1	30	279	1	4000	1	1500	165
22 Georgetown Circuit	50	293	1	36	14	4	48	324	4	3700	1	140	.....
23 Greenwood	61	240	5	11	3	60	270	6000	1	1500	1	.....	.....
24 Harrington	6	170	4	12	1	18	165	7000	1	2000	1	.....	.....
25 Hooper's Island	20	112	6	30	1	4	39	180	4	4100	1	1000	112
26 Houston	8	340	2	5	1	55	420	6000	1	1200	1	.....	.....
27 Hurlock	19	133	3	2	10	3	30	151	1	1400	1	250	.....
28 Lakesville	7	95	1	8	1	4	21	107	5	3600	1	90	.....
29 Leipsic	12	92	1	10	2	21	100	4900	1	2000	1	1360	.....
30 Lewes	52	240	1	28	1	26	290	9000	1	3500	1	1072	.....
31 Lincoln	44	208	2	13	7	38	235	5400	1	1000	1	.....	.....
32 Little Creek	(36)	(61)	(11)	(4)	(2)	(25)	(145)	(8500)	(2)	(8500)	.....	.....	.....
33 Magnolia	6	197	1	24	4	3	33	210	3	7100	1	2000	285
34 Milford	70	400	1	2	24	4	72	520	1	20000	1	4500	.....
35 Milton	1	150	5	1	1	35	156	6000	1	2800	1	168	.....
36 Nassau	40	238	1	7	14	1	53	326	4	9000	1	1000	72
37 Preston	(37)	(110)	(2)	(9)	(1)	(3)	(35)	(240)	(3)	(4500)	(1300)	.....	.....
38 Salem	15	51	1	2	20	2	102	220	1	2000	1	500	130
39 Seaford & Bladesville	16	300	1	3	10	2	38	200	2	4000	1	2060	50
40 Vienna	5	141	1	1	1	9	35	3	3	2700	1	1600	.....
41 Williamsburg	26	215	3	3	8	4	60	212	4	4500	1	.....	.....
42 Williston	50	293	4	14	4	72	339	4	4	5500	1	1800	447
43 Woodside	25	134	3	9	18	4	50	300	4	5000	1	600	.....
44 Wyoming	192	.....	2	6	.....	4	35	229	4	6000	1	1800	75
45 Zoar	25	126	2	19	.....	3	21	160	3	1800	1	.....	.....
Total	1338	9557	31	111	741	121	125	1693	10961	128	\$275800	\$61300	\$11724

TABLES.
DOVER DISTRICT,
No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY	SUNDAYS SCHOOLS.														
	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc	
1	152	90	2	11	12	23	60	105	165	110	170	21	88	6	28
2	1000	1000	1	7	10	17	73	132	205	112	250	18	58	14	25
3	30	300	4	16	18	34	.....	370	500	.....	500	34	150	10	50
4	700	.....	1	10	34	44	150	217	367	208	430	33	.....	25	156
5	.....	.....	4	32	29	61	90	161	251	124	440	45	52	15	68
6	248	208	4	10	45	55	300	127	427	284	526	55	140	13	80
7	324	525	3	11	18	29	.....	154	130	250	250	7	12	20	20
8	225	300	6	11	48	59	.....	300	225	200	.....	150	.....	10	55
9	25	450	3	21	36	57	87	220	807	189	.....	43	78	13	94
10	153	33	5	10	10	20	25	100	125	80	.....	4	12	12	5
11	600	900	1	5	45	50	100	400	500	330	750	45	200	20	200
12	.....	1300	1	8	12	20	40	110	150	125	150	20	50	25	50
13	75	350	3	11	26	37	30	210	240	200	200	37	.....	.....	.....
14	.....	.....	4	23	19	42	150	150	300	200	175	23	36	8	15
15	17	70	1	5	8	13	33	58	91	57	.....	12	29	2	15
16	308	145	4	20	24	44	100	192	292	180	290	39	86	29	60
17	.....	.....	2	.....	39	76	152	228	150	245	39	97	40	69	.....
18	.....	.....	3	16	18	34	90	140	230	160	.....	30	64	10	55
19	.....	.....	1	12	17	29	135	40	175	115	.....	29	60	1	63
20	.....	.....	4	.....	57	146	243	389	.....	245	45	97	13	92	.....
21	.....	.....	1	5	25	30	79	200	279	150	560	29	150	12	98
22	.....	.....	4	20	28	48	90	234	324	200	215	48	128	19	48
23	185	4	18	42	60	60	210	270	175	150	.....	55	150	25	50
24	800	1	6	12	18	65	100	165	80	.....	17	40	.....	.....	.....
25	600	4	20	19	39	100	80	180	95	150	18	20	3	25	.....
26	210	400	4	15	45	60	100	320	420	250	300	55	130	8	65
27	.....	130	3	13	17	30	40	111	150	95	160	28	40	16	30
28	409	4	7	14	21	.....	.....	107	85	40	.....	18	.....	.....	24
29	2140	2	10	11	21	12	88	100	.....	75	20	25	6	36	.....
30	900	1	16	20	36	60	230	290	175	.....	24	.....	14	109	.....
31	290	3	15	23	38	61	174	235	145	100	37	46	28	25	.....
32	.....	(2)	.....	.....	(25)	(60)	(85)	(145)	(107)	(25)	(40)	(2)	.....	.....	.....
33	1350	3	.....	.....	.....	210	.....	210	175	450	33	80	4	85	.....
34	1000	2	27	45	72	130	390	520	360	800	67	235	50	250	.....
35	.....	1	15	20	35	36	120	156	126	.....	35	60	.....	86	.....
36	.....	4	20	33	53	63	263	326	201	60	53	102	1	69	.....
37	.....	(3)	.....	.....	(35)	(50)	(190)	(240)	(175)	(175)	(35)	(100)	(30)	.....	.....
38	75	118	2	9	11	20	23	79	102	67	50	17	30	.....	21
39	165	2	13	25	38	60	140	200	175	.....	37	.....	2	135	.....
40	.....	3	13	14	27	63	82	145	105	.....	20	10	.....	23	.....
41	307	500	4	20	40	60	212	.....	212	164	125	60	58	14	88
42	.....	38	4	32	40	72	59	280	339	50	235	70	165	32	100
43	350	50	4	25	35	50	100	200	300	200	100	30	40	15	85
44	1400	4	15	20	35	29	20	223	190	375	30	70	.....	125	.....
45	.....	3	12	9	21	60	100	160	110	120	18	30	3	10	.....
Total	4799	15851	129	595	986	1738	3507	6633	11071	6549	9061	1608	3008	562	2830

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT,

No. 3.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.			Supp't of Pr's'd'g Elders.		Supp't of B'hops.					
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.			
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.						Salary.	House Rent.	Total.
1 Beckwith.....	W. F. Dawson.....	\$ 700	\$ 75	\$ 775	\$ 655	75	\$ 730	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 47	\$ 10	\$ 8
2 Bridgeville.....	W. P. Compton.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	50	50	25	5	5
3 Burrsville.....	J. E. Graham.....	600	75	675	540	75	615	60	30	25	5	5
4 Cambridge.....	J. H. Howard.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	90	90	5	5	5
5 Camden.....	P. H. Rawlins.....	800	100	900	800	100	900	55	55	10	10	10
6 Cannon.....	T. S. Williams.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	50	50	15	15	15
7 Church Creek.....	C. W. Chapham.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	25	15	15	15	15
8 Crapo.....	W. W. Chaires.....	800	75	875	800	75	875	60	60	12	12	12
9 Denton.....	G. W. Townsend.....	800	125	925	800	125	925	50	50	15	15	15
10 Dorchester.....	L. B. Kirby.....	400	400	800	400	400	800	40	40	1	1	1
11 Dover—Wesley.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	100	100	25	25	25
12 " Armory.....	G. W. Bounds.....	500	75	575	400	75	475	100	20	5	3	3
13 East New Market.....	Asbury Burke.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	45	45	10	10	10
14 Ellendale.....	L. T. McLain.....	400	40	440	400	40	440	20	20	2	2	2
15 Elliott Island.....	B. Wheatley.....	400	50	450	440	50	490	15	15	1	1	1
16 Farmington.....	W. M. Green.....	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	40	35	5	4
17 Federalsburg.....	Julius Dodd.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	40	40	10	10	10
18 Felton.....	T. H. Haynes.....	600	150	750	542	150	692	58	40	1	1	1
19 Frederica.....	S. R. Maxwell.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	55	55	10	10	10
20 Galestown.....	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	1150	70	70	18	18
21 Georgetown.....	C. A. Grise.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	30	30	2	2	2
22 Georgetown Ct.....	A. D. Davis.....	600	600	1200	600	600	1200	575	25	30	30	10
23 Greenwood.....	A. Green.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	850	50	50	10	10
24 Harrington.....	R. T. Coursey.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	407	43	20	18	3
25 Hooper's Island.....	D. H. Willis.....	400	50	450	357	50	407	43	40	40	10	10
26 Houston.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	650	50	30	27	5
27 Hurlock.....	M. D. Nutter.....	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	35	25	1	5
28 Lakesville.....	N. P. Johnson.....	370	15	385	257	15	272	113	2	2	1	1
29 Leipsic.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	600	80	680	565	80	645	35	35	15	15	15
30 Lewes.....	F. C. McSorley.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	65	65	15	15	8
31 Lincoln.....	G. W. Burke.....	800	100	900	650	100	750	150	40	40	10	10
32 Little Creek.....	C. W. Strickland.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	40	40	10	10	10
33 Magnolia.....	W. R. McFarlane.....	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	100	100	25	25	25
34 Milford.....	Robert Watt.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	60	60	10	10	10
35 Milton.....	E. P. Roberts.....	800	100	900	750	100	850	50	50	47	10	10
36 Nassau.....	J. S. Wickline.....	250	50	300	220	50	270	30	10	10	15	15
37 Preston.....	T. B. Cooper.....	800	120	920	727	120	847	73	55	55	15	15
38 Salem.....	W. E. England.....	500	100	600	410	100	500	90	35	25	3	3
39 Seaford.....	W. H. Benford.....	450	50	500	450	50	500	30	30	3	3	3
40 Vienna.....	A. C. Jones.....	700	125	825	700	125	825	50	50	10	10	5
41 Williamsburg.....	T. F. Tabler.....	400	60	460	335	35	370	90	25	16	5	5
42 Williston.....	W. B. Gregg.....	730	80	810	497	80	577	233	35	5	5	5
43 Woodside.....	W. J. Tindal.....	300	300	600	300	300	600	20	20	1	1	1
44 Wyoming.....												
45 Zoar.....												
Total.....		28150	4445	32595	26920	4420	31340	1295	1722	1767	\$314	\$289

TABLES.

DOVER DISTRICT,

No. 4.

CONF. CLAIMANTS.	REC'D FROM	C'R'N'T EXP'N'S.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																				
			MISSIONS.			Church Extension.				Education.			Other.										
			Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freemen's Aid and South ern Education Society.	(a) Children's Fund.	(b) Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mission- ary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	General Conference Exp.	Conference Education Soc'y.	Ladies' Hall.	Domestic Missions.	Steward's Endow'm't Fund.		
1	25	85	50	30	80	10	5	3	10	13	5	3	3	10	15	10	3	8	2	10	2	4	6
2	25	25	57	55	112	20	1	1	10	15	5	3	3	10	15	10	3	8	2	10	2	4	6
3	25	25	57	55	112	20	1	1	10	15	5	3	3	10	15	10	3	8	2	10	2	4	6
4	65	65	146	104	250	10	1	1	10	15	5	3	3	10	15	10	3	8	2	10	2	4	6
5	45	45	250	180	430	15	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
6	30	30	190	80	270	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
7	10	10	50	20	70	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
8	25	25	180	100	280	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
9	40	40	175	94	269	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
11	214	12	228	300	528	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
12	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
13	25	25	185	40	225	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
14	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
15	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
16	23	23	105	60	165	5	20	25	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
17	40	40	100	94	194	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	40	40	100	42	142	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19	55	55	160	125	285	14	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
20	20	20	94	92	186	5	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	10
21	35	35	203	93	296	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
22	10	10	58	48	106	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
23	35	35	130	50	180	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
24	18	18	85	50	135	18	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
25	7	7	65	23	88	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26	30	5	35	137	172	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27	25	5	111	30	141	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
28	20	20	14	10	24	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
29	20	20	85	36	121	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
30	60	60	233	109	342	6	35	10	6	35	10	6	35	10	6	35	10	6	35	10	6	35	10
31	31	31	80	25	105	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
32	25	25	75	68	143	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
33	25	25	175	60	235	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
34	75	75	575	900	1175	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
35	40	40	120	86	206	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
36	25	25	75	68	143	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
37	5	5	21	7	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
38	5	5	25	25	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
39	35	35	125	21	146	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
40	10	10	80	23	103	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
41	10	10	58																				

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT,
No. 1.

TABLES.
EASTON DISTRICT,
No. 2.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Bap- tisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Childr'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.
1 Apoquinimink.....	10	230	1	3	20	2	3	45	275	2	\$ 7500	1	\$ 800	.....
2 Bayside.....	40	63	.....	8	10	3	3	15	70	2	2800	.....	.....	.....
3 Cecilton.....	13	198	.....	4	10	1	1	35	175	1	10600	.....	.....	.....
4 Centreville.....	25	237	1	5	39	.....	.....	40	244	4	11000	.....	.....	.....
5 Chestertown.....	30	210	2	3	19	1	10	34	225	1	21527	.....	.....	.....
6 Church Hill.....	133	228	1	1	14	2	4	46	286	1	8000	.....	.....	.....
7 Crumpton.....	9	103	.....	2	2	.....	.....	32	130	1	5500	.....	.....	.....
8 Easton.....	18	338	.....	10	14	1	1	33	307	1	15000	.....	.....	.....
9 Galena.....	23	110	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	40	153	2	8200	.....	.....	.....
10 Greensboro.....	13	170	.....	4	15	1	1	36	188	1	4700	.....	.....	.....
11 Hillsboro.....	1	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	175	.....	5800	.....	.....	.....
12 Ingleside.....	61	156	.....	2	8	.....	.....	78	233	.....	4000	.....	.....	.....
13 Kent Island.....	40	190	.....	3	27	.....	.....	31	241	.....	5000	.....	.....	.....
14 Kenton.....	5	197	3	3	.....	.....	.....	31	195	.....	3500	.....	.....	.....
15 King's Creek.....	5	130	.....	1	2	.....	.....	32	256	.....	3750	.....	.....	.....
16 Marydel.....	68	256	.....	5	47	.....	.....	46	310	4	7200	.....	.....	.....
17 Middletown.....	136	235	1	5	12	10	1	41	334	1	12000	.....	.....	.....
18 Millington.....	9	155	1	3	8	.....	.....	.....	11000	.....	11000	.....	.....	.....
19 Odessa.....	9	142	.....	6	3	.....	.....	26	196	1	6000	.....	.....	.....
20 Oxford.....	50	125	.....	6	12	2	1	26	125	1	4000	.....	.....	.....
21 Piney Neck.....	8	23	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	18	78	1	450	.....	.....	.....
22 Pomona.....	9	85	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	38	103	2	5000	.....	.....	.....
23 Queenstown.....	18	180	.....	3	47	2	4	45	340	3	6000	.....	.....	.....
24 Rock Hall.....	7	110	.....	1	25	.....	.....	37	225	1	2500	.....	.....	.....
25 Royal Oak.....	70	54	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	20	110	2	3000	.....	.....	.....
26 St. Michael's.....	36	359	.....	5	21	.....	.....	33	436	1	17500	.....	.....	.....
27 Salem.....	9	61	1	1	5	.....	.....	21	103	1	2500	.....	.....	.....
28 Sassafras and Massey's.....	20	85	.....	2	15	5	3	28	100	4	4400	.....	.....	.....
29 Smyrna Circuit.....	100	559	2	8	61	4	3	72	544	3	25000	.....	.....	.....
30 Still Pond.....	87	412	.....	3	25	5	5	102	466	4	13400	.....	.....	.....
31 Sudlersville.....	2	166	1	1	6	.....	.....	33	210	2	12000	.....	.....	.....
32 Talbot.....	20	183	.....	3	3	.....	.....	25	210	3	13400	.....	.....	.....
33 Tilgman.....	58	86	.....	1	12	.....	.....	28	190	2	2500	.....	.....	.....
34 Townsend.....	30	103	.....	1	31	.....	.....	24	196	2	3000	.....	.....	.....
35 Trappe.....	4	168	1	.....	5	.....	.....	1	20	1	1200	.....	.....	.....
36 Union.....	9	136	.....	2	9	.....	.....	3	25	1	6000	.....	.....	.....
37 Wye and Starr.....	6	41	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....	.....
38	12	98	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	18	1	3400	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1203	6487	16	110	536	39	93	1339	7854	83	\$280827	29	\$65100	\$14661

CHURCH PROPERTY	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	Paid on Old Indebted- ness on Church Property.	Present Indebted- ness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday School this Year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc.
1	.....	.....	3	15	30	45	75	200	275	175	250	45	100	14
2	23	.....	2	6	11	15	15	55	70	50	.....	14	18	8
3	.....	250	3	10	25	35	50	125	175	110	325	35	50	50
4	625	175	2	16	24	40	78	166	244	149	.....	38	100	238
5	.....	.....	1	22	12	34	74	151	225	150	500	33	50	128
6	.....	.....	4	18	28	46	95	191	286	154	375	44	151	47
7	.....	.....	2	13	19	32	30	100	130	80	150	32	22	18
8	600	.....	1	11	11	22	33	71	236	307	175	400	32	250
9	208	900	2	22	18	40	48	105	153	75	225	27	24	10
10	.....	.....	1	12	24	36	56	132	188	85	276	34	40	56
11	.....	.....	2	20	25	50	125	175	100	100	100	25	70	30
12	124	300	5	50	28	78	55	178	233	141	100	70	63	52
13	.....	.....	2	14	17	31	69	172	241	100	112	31	48	10
14	.....	.....	3	14	17	31	50	145	195	130	100	31	30	3
15	.....	.....	3	15	19	32	82	174	256	102	30	32	62	42
16	340	.....	4	16	30	46	75	235	310	185	200	43	72	34
17	.....	.....	1	8	33	41	47	287	334	253	225	165	125	93
18	.....	.....	2	10	20	30	50	150	200	100	300	25	16	4
19	.....	.....	1	6	19	26	50	146	196	127	300	25	28	.....
20	.....	.....	1	8	18	26	50	75	125	100	250	20	75	20
21	.....	.....	1	3	15	18	30	49	79	50	100	10	6	4
22	.....	.....	2	15	23	38	17	86	103	56	450	34	35	5
23	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	140	200	340	240	425	45	60	9
24	.....	.....	1	7	30	37	70	155	225	142	.....	36	12	1
25	.....	.....	2	7	13	20	10	100	110	75	250	20	.....	11
26	209	240	1	5	23	33	80	323	403	266	690	32	150	11
27	.....	.....	2	10	11	21	25	78	103	40	89	19	17	30
28	40	150	3	15	18	33	40	60	100	70	.....	28	25	5
29	.....	.....	3	28	44	72	143	401	544	321	485	72	275	85
30	125	1035	5	59	43	102	134	332	466	319	709	81	230	48
31	.....	.....	2	13	20	33	137	73	210	120	1050	33	35	1
32	.....	.....	3	10	15	25	40	170	210	120	252	20	.....	7
33	100	350	2	6	32	38	50	140	190	110	44	30	50	35
34	88	25	2	6	18	24	47	149	196	130	60	24	56	20
35	75	350	1	8	12	20	40	135	175	100	165	20	100	2
36	.....	.....	3	8	17	25	50	100	150	125	250	25	.....	9
37	.....	.....	1	5	6	11	.....	.....	35	22	.....	11	4	4
38	.....	.....	2	8	10	18	25	75	100	70	.....	17	40	7
Total.....	\$ 2557	\$ 8350	84	504	789	1335	1248	5774	8057	4917	9237	1358	2489	638

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT,
No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Bap- tisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probations.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	
1 Annessex.....	6	64	1	10	1	15	110	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 800	\$ 36		
2 Asbury.....	90	277	1	4	49	1	35	2	12000	1	2000	285		
3 Barren Creek.....	9	68	1	1	6	1	20	75	1800	1	1000	45		
4 Berlin.....	2	192	4	21	1	1	28	140	4300	1	1000	104		
5 Bethel.....	11	287	6	4	2	3	29	330	6300	1	1000	159		
6 Bishopville.....	40	242	3	3	3	35	290	3	3500	1	1000	55		
7 Cape Charles.....	5	58	1	11	3	1	19	126	3400	1	1000	185		
8 Chincoteague.....	26	83	4	17	3	2	20	120	3500	1	1000	50		
9 Crisfield.....	50	355	1	4	50	3	33	300	10000	1	2000	75		
10 Deal's Island.....	20	176	1	3	21	2	30	230	6000	1	1500	150		
11 Delmar.....	10	209	1	4	8	2	34	450	4500	1	2000	2500		
12 Fairmount.....	22	431	2	9	38	3	46	395	2	14000	1	2000	6.	
13 Frankford.....	47	423	9	54	4	3	48	418	4	5000	1	1200	2500	
14 Fruitland.....	35	172	2	21	2	3	37	200	4	2800	1	1000	681	
15 Girdle Tree.....	39	304	1	5	13	9	45	360	4	3800	1	1000	75	
16 Gumboro.....	24	242	1	3	105	4	4	57	432	4	3850	1	600	422
17 Holland's Island.....	5	65	1	14	1	14	90	1	2100	1	1000	1530		
18 Laurel.....	9	287	1	10	1	1	26	270	1	11000	1	3000	1156	
19 Millsboro.....	14	243	1	3	28	2	4	54	292	4	6000	1	1200	50
20 Mt. Pleasant.....	20	268	1	12	3	15	350	3	3500	1	1000	1000		
21 Mt. Vernon.....	20	186	1	2	24	1	2	37	305	2	4500	1	1000	55
22 Nanticoke.....	30	200	1	20	5	4	40	250	3	7500	1	1000	800	
23 Newark.....	4	137	4	3	3	3	3	3	3000	1	1000	95		
24 New Church.....	5	24	1	3	3	12	90	3	1500	1	1000	45		
25 Onancock.....	36	240	3	5	22	2	3	33	283	3	4600	1	2500	209
26 Parksley.....	5	106	1	5	2	15	150	2	1500	1	1000	100		
27 Parsonsburg.....	21	300	1	11	3	42	370	3	3600	1	600	100		
28 Pocomoke Circuit.....	28	180	11	7	5	36	212	4	3000	1	650	100		
29 Pocomoke City.....	4	151	16	1	23	186	1	23	186	1	5000	1	2500	288
30 Powellville.....	57	170	1	4	35	200	4	4	4000	1	500	257		
31 Princess Anne.....	6	71	4	11	4	1	11	83	1	3500	1	1200	64	
32 Quantico.....	9	198	1	5	5	48	236	4	5600	1	1000	29		
33 Quindocqua.....	25	128	1	22	3	1	19	160	1	1800	1	1000	77	
34 Roxanna.....	50	490	3	36	6	3	65	565	3	5300	1	800	1425	
35 Reed's Wharf.....	(8)	(4)	1	(2)	(12)	(91)	(1)	(1500)	(1)	(500)	(1)	(800)	(10)	
36 St. Peter's.....	91	269	1	8	26	2	4	64	508	2	4700	1	1500	164
37 Salisbury.....	20	206	4	10	1	28	247	1	29000	1	6000	13		
38 Selbyville.....	15	220	2	6	1	22	200	1	3000	1	1200	25		
39 Sharpstown.....	11	182	1	2	15	5	1	29	214	1	2000	1	1000	35
40 Smith's Island.....	23	185	1	3	12	3	28	179	1	2200	1	1200	85	
41 Snow Hill.....	5	240	2	5	4	1	23	140	1	7000	1	2500	110	
42 Somerset.....	40	140	1	2	31	2	25	193	2	3000	1	1100	230	
43 Stockton.....	6	120	1	1	2	3	35	200	3	2400	1	1500	131	
44 Tangier.....	8	269	2	19	1	2	46	280	1	2000	1	1500	39	
45 Westover.....	4	107	1	1	19	3	5	25	100	4	5000	1	800	65
46 Whitesville.....	20	325	3	10	4	35	475	4	3500	1	1200	150		
Total.....	1015	9254	26	121	726	74	119	1428	11280	105	\$ 228950	35	\$ 49750	\$12824
Conference Total.....	4783	33759	111	470	2669	402	409	5998	42623	379	\$1486577	128	\$259125	\$67658

TABLES.
SALISBURY DISTRICT,
No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.														
	Paid on Old Indebted- ness on Church Property.	Present Indebted- ness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday School this Year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc.	
1	\$ 82	.....	1	7	8	15	29	87	116	45	15	38	6	\$ 16
2	.....	.....	1	9	25	35	100	325	425	250	145	150	30	107
3	425	\$ 85	3	9	11	20	40	35	75	60	18	20	4	10	
4	20	.....	3	8	20	28	40	100	140	92	150	20	2	75
5	55	259	3	15	14	29	45	285	330	190	100	29	4	55	
6	.....	.....	3	9	26	35	150	140	290	160	149	35	16	25
7	10	50	2	9	10	19	36	90	126	65	150	19	21	65	
8	10	25	2	8	12	20	40	80	120	100	90	20	80	47	
9	340	.....	1	8	25	33	50	250	300	225	.....	100	20	150
10	.....	.....	2	7	23	30	80	150	230	175	.....	103	52	350
11	130	.....	1	14	20	36	150	300	450	200	.....	200	4	84
12	174	164	3	12	34	46	110	285	395	210	.....	200	15	75
13	100	125	3	45	33	48	55	363	418	289	225	48	185	84	
14	.....	300	3	17	20	37	.....	.....	200	125	.....	37	150	72
15	525	273	4	15	42	57	120	240	360	215	100	46	200	22	
16	98	172	4	24	33	57	96	336	432	225	.....	45	40	80
17	.....	550	1	5	9	14	.....	90	90	75	.....	13	30	55
18	65	1000	1	6	20	26	50	220	270	140	300	25	90	47	
19	.....	.....	4	20	34	54	50	242	292	200	250	54	60	69
20	.....	.....	3	15	30	45	125	225	350	275	.....	60	14	72
21	100	150	2	10	27	37	60	242	302	150	.....	80	.....	.....
22	.....	.....	4	15	25	40	80	170	250	125	.....	16	.....	35
23	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	25	.....	150	100	.....	.....	5	5	110
24	51	600	3	4	8	12	40	50	90	40	.....	25	10	.....
25	.....	.....	3	15	18	33	96	185	283	198	335	12	23	10
26	.....	900	2	5	10	15	24	126	150	75	40	15	106	32
27	.....	125	3	15	27	42	90	280	370	160	136	10	2	15
28	.....	.....	3	35	.....	35	25	187	212	60	.....	150	8	34
29	.....	.....	1	8	15	23	56	136	192	105	175	35	100	.....
30	45	125	4	19	16	35	200	200	150	110	.....	62	2	129
31	100	180	1	4	9	13	17	66	83	43	290	11	23	9	
32	.....	.....	5	26	22	48	55	181	236	157	164	39	73	42
33	19	79	1	7	12	19	72	88	100	75	60	19	58	28	
34	.....	225	3	15	50	65	125	440	565	295	175	65	185	17
35	(500)	.....	2	5	7	12	20	91	111	56	.....	2	6	87
36	.....	.....	4	21	43	64	155	353	508	400	150	64	260	12
37	.....	.....	1	9	19	28	83	164	247	118	257	27	100	31
38	120	30	1	5	17	22	40	160	200	100	.....	22	50	17
39	.....	.....	1	7	22	29	43	171	214	115	.....	29	35	28
40	50	.....	3	12	16	28	28	151	179	158	200	26	76	9
41	.....	.....	1	5	18	23	28	112	140	90	450	23	59	10
42	.....	.....	2	10	15	25	48	195	243	114	.....	25	20	90
43	65	120	3	15	20	35	60	140	200	110	100	25	29	100	
44	475	.....	2	10	36	46	127	153	280	245	.....	46	66	40
45	.....	800	5	10	15	25	60	40	100	60	100	25	20	55
46	125	325	4	20	15	35	125	350	475	275	200	35	250	10	
Total.....	\$ 3174	\$ 7162	114	567	931	1498	2920	8268	11519	6870	4811	1303	3536	503	\$ 2993
Conference Total.....	\$21008	\$65148	400	2214	3684	6143	11285	28578	43185	25779	35832	5647	11296	2164	\$14941

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS), Supp't of Pr's'dg Elder, Supp't of B'shop. Rows list 46 churches and their financial data.

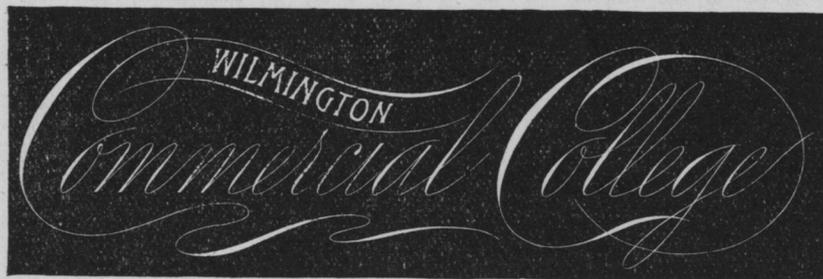
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SALISBURY DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table with columns: CONFER. CLAIMANTS, C'R'N'T EXP'N'S., MISSIONS (Church Sexton, Sunday School, Board of Church Extension, etc.), Education (Children's Fund, etc.), Benevolent Collections (American Bible Society, etc.). Rows show financial data for various church activities.



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For the Promotion of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G COX, TREASURER.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., March 15th, 1893.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit.....	Geo. W. Bowman.....	\$ 72 00
Charlestown	E. H. Hynson	105 00
Cherry Hill and Union.....	T. B. Hunter.....	180 00
Chesapeake City	I. G. Fosnocht	70 00
Chester.....	E. S. Mace.	110 00
Christiana	T. G. Eiswald.....	43 00
Claymont.....	Geo. E. Wood.....	45 00
Delaware City	A. P. Prettyman.....	100 00
Elk Neck.....	Edwin Gardner.....	42 00
Elkton and Crouches.....	I. L. Wood.....	320 00
Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	D. H. Corkran.....	75 00
Hopewell.....	B. F. Price.....	65 00
Marshallton and Stanton.....	C. H. Williams.....	70 00
Mt. Lebanon and Union..	James Conner.....	80 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. E. Tomkinson.....	65 00
Newark and Wesley.....	W. J. DuHadway.....	130 00
New Castle.....	T. E. Martindale.....	240 00

Newport and Elsmere.....	A. S. Mowbray.....	150 00
North East.....	W. G. Koons.....	140 00
Port Deposit.....	Adam Stengle.....	200 00
Port Penn.....	D. J. Givan.....	15 00
Red Lion and Glasgow	John Boehm.....	56 00
Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	J. E. Bryan.....	145 00
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	W. H. S. Loller.....	25 00
St. George's.....	Geo. L. Hardesty.....	90 00
Asbury	J. D. C. Hanna.....	1,360 00
Brandywine	J. P. Otis.....	164 00
Cookman.....	W. L. White.....	30 00
East Lake and Edgemoor	M. B. Bullock	33 00
Epworth	Isaac Jewell	30 00
Grace	J. Y. Dobbins.....	2,495 00
Harrison St.....	F. B. Short.....	25 00
Kingswood	H. S. Dulany.....	57 00
Madeley	D. F. Waddell	90 00
Mt. Salem.....	S. M. Morgan, Jr.....	400 00
St. Paul's.....	T. E. Terry.....	760 00
Scott.....	John France... ..	275 00
Silverbrook	Mark E. Bowman.....	20 00
Sweedish Mission.....	Charles Norstrom.....	27 00
Union.....	E. L. Hubbard	600 00
Wesley	J. B. Quigg.....	80 00
Zion.....	L. W. Layfield.....	225 00
		\$9,304 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink	J. D. Reese.....	\$ 80 00
Bayside	Thos. Van Dyke.....	31 00
Cecilton and St. Paul's.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	185 00
Centerville	V. S. Collins	250 00
Chestertown	J. W. Easley.....	300 00
Church Hill.....	R. I. Watkins.....	140 00
Crumpton.....	J. F. Anderson.....	30 00
Easton	W. E. Avery.....	350 00
Galena and Locust Grove.....	E. H. Hynson.....	135 00
Greensboro.....	J. A. Arters.....	100 00

Hillsboro.....	O. W. Devenish.....	100 00
Engleside	T. H. Harding.....	60 00
Kent Island	W. W. Sharp.....	127 00
Kenton	W. M. Warner.....	40 00
King's Creek	J. M. Lindale.....	60 00
Marydel	Albert Chandler.....	60 00
Middletown.....	N. M. Browne	500 00
Millington.....	E. E. White	87 00
Odessa.....	H. S. Thompson.....	150 00
Oxford	H. C. Turner.....	80 00
Piney Neck.....	W. M. Lister.....	20 00
Pomona.....	W. R. Mowbray.....	80 00
Queenstown.....	J. W. Fogle.....	80 00
Rock Hall.....	Robert Roe.....	100 00
Royal Oak	J. Pastorfield	12 00
St. Michael's.....	S. J. Morris	260 00
Salem and Zion.....	C. S. York	40 00
Sassafras and Massey's.....	F. E. McKinsey.....	40 00
Smyrna	W. W. W. Wilson.....	640 00
Smyrna Circuit.....	R. K. Stephenson.....	222 00
Still Pond.....	J. D. Kemp	160 00
Sudlersville.....	E. C. Macnichol.. ..	100 00
Talbot	J. M. Collins	25 00
Tilghman	J. D. Lecates.....	60 00
Townsend	Frank Fletcher.....	85 00
Trappe	G. S. Conoway	30 00
Wye and Starr	J. H. Geoghegan	80 00
Special Donation by.....	Wm. Taylor.....	200 00
Total		\$5,099 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith and Speddens.....	W. F. Dawson.....	\$ 80 00
Bridgeville.....	W. P. Compton.....	112 00
Burrsville.....	J. E. Graham.....	65 00
Cambridge.....	J. H. Howard.....	250 00
Camden	P. H. Rawlins.....	100 00
Cannon	T. S. Williams.....	100 00

Church Creek, Madison and Taylors..	C. W. Clapham	50 00
Crapo.....	W. W. Chaires.....	180 00
Denton.....	Geo. W. Townsend.....	175 00
Dorchester.....	L. W. Kirby.....	30 00
Dover { Wesley	W. L. S. Murray.....	605 00
{ Armory	G. W. Bounds.....	30 00
East New Market.....	Asbury Burke.....	80 00
Ellendale.....	L. T. McLain.....	50 00
Elliott's Island.....	B. Wheatly.....	25 00
Farmington.....	W. M. Green.....	75 00
Federalburg.....	Julius Dodd.....	140 00
Felton	T. H. Haynes.....	75 00
Frederica.....	S. R. Maxwell.....	175 00
Galestown.....	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	100 00
Georgetown	C. A. Grise.....	200 00
Georgetown Circuit.....	A. D. Davis.....	25 00
Greenwood.....	A. Green.....	150 00
Harrington.....	R. T. Coursey	100 00
Hooper's Island.....	D. H. Willis.....	25 00
Houston	W. B. Guthrie.....	160 00
Hurlock's.....	M. D. Nutter.....	100 00
Lakesville.. ..	N. P. Johnson.....	20 00
Leipsic.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	35 00
Lewes.....	F. C. McSorley.....	250 00
Lincoln.....	G. W. Burke.....	75 00
Little Creek and St. Jones'.....	C. W. Strickland.....	75 00
Magnolia.....	W. R. MacFarlane.....	60 00
Milford.....	Robert Watt.....	402 00
Milton	E. P. Roberts.....	155 00
Nassau.....	J. S. Wickline.....	110 00
Preston.....	John Sewell.....	60 00
Salem.....	T. B. Cooper.....	15 00
Seaford and Bladesville.....		100 00
Vienna.....	W. H. Benford.....	35 00
Williamsburg.....	A. C. Jones.....	71 00
Williston	T. F. Tabler.....	90 00
Woodside.....	J. P. Outten	75 00
Wyoming.....	R. H. Adams.....	21 00

Zoar.....	W. J. Tindal.....	8 00
Cash		18 00
Total.....		<u>\$4,924 00</u>

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annamessex	O. S. Walton.....	55 00
Asbury	C. S. Baker.....	400 00
Barren Creek	Eben Welch.....	2 00
Berlin	Wilmer Jaggard.....	80 00
Bethel	Edward Davis	65 00
Bishopville	G. T. Alderson.....	100 00
Cape Charles.....	W. O. Hurst.....	30 00
Chincoteague.....	G. P. Jones.....	60 00
Crisfield	H. W. Ewing.....	280 00
Deal's Island.....	W. T. Valiant.....	300 00
Delmar	L. P. Corkran.....	200 00
Fairmount.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	670 00
Frankford.....	C. P. Swain.....	135 00
Fruitland	T. N. Given	45 00
Girdle Tree.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	110 00
Gumboro.....	J. A. Brewington.....	75 00
Holland's Island.....	W. S. H. Williams	90 00
Laurel	S. N. Pilchard.....	243 00
Millsboro.....	James Carroll.....	86 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	G. P. Smith.....	25 00
Mt. Vernon	J. T. Prouse.....	80 00
Nanticoke	F. J. Cochran.....	150 00
Newark.....	W. L. P. Bowen.....	50 00
New Church and Hallwood.....	Luther Poole.....	13 00
Onancock	E. C. Atkins	150 00
Parksley	J. H. Wilson.....	28 00
Parsonsborg	W. R. Gwinn.....	75 00
Pocomoke Circuit.....	W. N. Conway.....	35 00
Pocomoke City.....	W. A. Wise.....	100 00
Powellville	G. W. Hastings.....	40 00
Princess Anne.....	C. F. Sheppard.....	75 00
Quantico	J. M. Mitchell.....	63 00

Quindocqua.....	V. P. Northrup.....	55 00
Roxanna	C. T. Wyatt	135 00
Reed's Wharf	T. S. Barrett.....	3 00
St. Peter's.....	Warren Burr.....	310 00
Salisbury.....	C. A. Hill.....	320 00
Selbyville	T. F. Beauchamp.....	50 00
Sharptown.....	T. C. Smoot	50 00
Smith's Island.....	J. W. Gray.....	240 00
Snow Hill.....	J. O. Sypherd	135 00
Somerset.....	D. F. McFaul.....	105 00
Stockton	Newton McQuay.....	75 00
Tangier	Z. H. Webster.....	386 00
Westover.....	C. K. Morris	25 00
Whitesville	E. H. Miller.....	140 00
Total.....		<u>\$5,939 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year.....	\$9,703 00
Raised this year.....	9,304 00
Decrease.....	<u>\$ 399 00</u>

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year.....	\$5,044 00
Raised this year.....	\$4,899 00
Special donation by W. Taylor.....	200 00
Increase	<u>\$ 55 00</u>

DOVER DISTRICT.

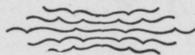
Raised last year.....	\$5,641 00
Raised this year.....	4,924 00
Decrease.....	<u>\$ 713 00</u>

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year.....	\$ 5,249 00
Raised this year.....	5,939 00
Increase	\$ 690 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised last year.....	\$ 25,637 00
Whole amount raised this year by districts....	\$ 25,208 00
Collection at Conference, Cash.....	19 00
Pledges by ministers.....	550 00
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	\$ 25,777 00
Increase	\$ 140 00



MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

BETHEL AND SUMMITT — GEORGE W. BOWMAN, Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 31 00
“ Sunday School	9 00
Summit Church	20 00
“ Sunday School	12 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 72 00

CHARLESTOWN—E. H. HYNSON, Pastor.

Charlestown Church	\$ 10 00
“ Sunday School	20 00
Principio Church	15 00
“ Sunday School	15 00
Perryville Church	6 00
“ Sunday School	32 00
Asbury Church	7 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 105 00

CHERRY HILL & UNION—T. B. HUNTER, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 80 00
Sunday School	100 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 180 00

CHESAPEAKE CITY—I. G. FOSNOCHT, Pastor.

Chesapeake City Sunday School	\$ 27 16
Manor Sunday School	15 00
Chesapeake City Congregation	30 84
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Expenses	73 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 70 00

CHESTER BETHEL—EDGAR S. MACE, Pastor.

Church	\$ 82 00
Sunday School	28 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 110 00

CHRISTIANA—T. G. EISWALD, Pastor.

Christiana Sunday School	\$ 23 00
“ Church	8 00
Salem Sunday School	8 00
“ Church	4 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 43 00

CLAYMONT—GEO. E. WOOD, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 6 00
Sunday School	39 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 45 00

DELAWARE CITY—A. P. PRETTYMAN, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50 00
Sunday School	50 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 100 00

ELK NECK—EDWIN GARDNER, Pastor.

Wesley Church	\$ 8 00
“ Sunday School	6 00
Hart's Church	10 00
Sunday School	18 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 42 00

ELKTON—ISAAC L. WOOD, Pastor.

Elkton Sunday School	\$ 189 00
Jones' Chapel	23 00
West Amwell	30 00
Church	78 00
Total	\$ 320 00

HOCKESSIN—D. H. CORKRAN, Pastor.

Hockessin Sunday School	\$ 18 00
" Church	22 00
Ebenezer Sunday School	8 00
" Church	27 00
Total	\$ 75 00

HOPEWELL—B. F. PRICE, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 60 00
Collection in Congregation	5 00
Total	\$ 65 00

MARSHALLTON & STANTON—C. H. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Marshallton Church	\$ 14 00
" Sunday School	22 00
Stanton Church	17 00
" Sunday School	17 00
Total	\$ 70 00

MT. LEBANON & UNION—JAMES CONNER, Pastor.

Mt. Lebanon School	\$ 60 00
Newark Union	20 00
Total	\$ 80 00

MT. PLEASANT—WM. E. TOMKINSON, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 57 00
Church	8 00
Total	\$ 65 00

NEWARK & WESLEY—W. J. DUHADWAY, Pastor.

From Sunday School	\$ 117 00
Churches	13 00
Total	\$ 130 00

NEW CASTLE—T. E. MARTINDALE, Pastor.

Church	30 00
Sunday School	210 00
Total	\$ 240 00

NEWPORT—A. S. MOWBRAY, Pastor.

Churches	33 00
Sunday School	117 00
Total	\$ 150 00

NORTH EAST—W. G. KOONS, Pastor.

Sunday School	116 00
Church	24 00
Total	\$ 140 00

PORT DEPOSIT—ADAM STENGLE, Pastor.

Church	47 00
Sabbath School	153 00
Total	\$ 200 00

PORT PENN—D. J. GIVAN, Pastor.

Church	7 00
Sunday School	8 00
Total	\$ 15 00

RED LION & GLASGOW—JOHN BOEHM, Pastor.

Red Lion Church	31 00
" Sunday School	12 00
Glasgow Church	12 25
" Sunday School	75 00
Total	\$ 56 00

RISING SUN & SYLMAR—J. E. BRYAN, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church	63 00
" School	59 00
Sylmar Church	16 00
" School	7 00
Total	\$ 145 00

ROWLANDVILLE & MT. PLEASANT—W.H.S. LOLLER, Pastor.

Church	20 00
Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 25 00

ST. GEORGE'S—G. L. HARDESTY, Pastor.

St. George's Church	43 00
" School	40 00
Kirkwood School	7 00
Total	\$ 90 00

ASBURY—JOHN D. C. HANNA, Pastor.

Church	410 00
Sunday School	950 00
Total	\$1360 00

BRANDYWINE—J. P. OTIS, Pastor.

Morning Sunday School	29 00
Afternoon " "	44 00
Supper	55 00
Anniversary	11 00
Congregation, by collections	25 00
Total	\$ 164 00

COOKMAN—WM. L. WHITE, Pastor.

Church	24 00
Sunday School	6 00
Total	\$ 30 00

EAST LAKE & EDGEMOOR—M. B. BULLOCK, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 33 00
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EPWORTH—ISAAC JEWELL, Pastor.

Sunday School and Church	\$ 30 00
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GRACE—JOHN Y. DOBBINS, Pastor.

Church	704 00
Sunday School	1791 00
Total	\$2495 00

HARRISON STREET—F. BURGETTE SHORT, Pastor.

Church	15 00
Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$ 25 00

KINGSWOOD—H. S. DULANY, Pastor.

Sunday School	57 00
Total	\$ 57 00

MADELEY—D. F. WADDELL, Pastor.

Church	\$ 38 00
Sunday School	52 00
Total	\$ 90 00

MT. SALEM—S. M. MORGAN, JR., Pastor.

Church	\$ 101 00
Riddle's Chapel	150 00
Mt. Salem Sunday School	149 00
Total	\$ 400 00

ST. PAUL'S—THOMAS E. TERRY, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 455 00
Church	305 00
Total	\$ 760 00

SCOTT—JOHN FRANCE, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 200 00
Church	75 00
Total	\$ 275 00

SILVERBROOK—MARK E. BOWMAN, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday School	\$ 20 00
Total	\$ 20 00

SWEDISH MISSION—C. NORSTROM, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	17 00
Total	\$ 27 00

WESLEY—JOHN B. QUIGG, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5 00
Sunday School	75 00
Total	\$ 80 00

ZION—L. W. LAYFIELD, Pastor.

Zion Church	\$ 25 00
" School	25 00
Ebenzer School	35 00
" School	25 00
St. Johns	65 00
Calvert School	25 00
Total	\$ 200 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

APPOQUINIMINK—J. D. REESE, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools	30 00
Total	\$ 80 00

BAYSIDE—T. R. VANDYKE, Pastor.

Bayside	\$ 15 00
Sherwood	8 15
Bayside Sunday School	6 00
Sherwood Sunday School	1 85
Total	\$ 31 00

CECILTON & ST. PAUL'S—T. A. H. O'BRIEN, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 79 00
School	106 00
Total	\$ 185 00

CENTREVILLE—VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, Pastor.

Wye Camp	\$ 5 52
Centreville Sunday School	160 00
Ebenezer Sunday School	50 00
Centreville Church	34 48
Total	\$ 250 00

CHESTERTOWN—J. W. EASLEY, Pastor.

Church	\$ 173 00
Sunday School	127 00
Total	\$ 300 00

CHURCH HILL—R. IRVING WATKINS, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 44 00
Schools	96 00
Total	\$ 140 00

CRUMPTON—J. F. ANDERSON, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 30 00

EASTON—W. E. AVERY, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 97 78
" Sunday School	252 22
Total	\$ 350 00

GALENA & LOCUST GROVE, EDWIN H. NELSON, Pastor.

Galena Church	\$ 48 00
" Sunday School	66 00
Locust Grove Church	16 00
" " Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 135 00

GREENSBOROUGH—J. A. ARTERS, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15 00
Sunday School	85 00
Total	\$ 100 00

HILLSBORO—O. W. DEVENISH, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 80 00
Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 100 00

INGLESIDE—T. H. HARDING, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools	10 00
Total	\$ 60 00

KENT ISLAND—W. W. SHARP, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools	75 00
Total	\$ 125 00

KENTON—WM. M. WARNER, Pastor.

Kenton Church	\$ 18 00
" Sunday School	8 00
Blackistons Church	6 00
" Sunday School	2 00
Central Church	4 00
" Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 40 00

KING'S CREEK—J. M. LINDALE, Pastor.

Cordova Sunday School	\$ 23 81
“ Congregation	2 41
Kings Creek Sunday School	21 77
“ Congregation	3 56
Chapel Sunday School	9 45
Less Expenses	1 00
Total	\$ 60 00

MARYDEL—A. CHANDLER, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 22 00
Sunday Schools	38 00
Total	\$ 60 00

MIDDLETOWN—N. M. BROWNE, Pastor.

Church	\$ 74 00
Sunday Schools	426 00
Total	\$ 500 00

MILLINGTON—E. E. WHITE, Pastor.

Church	\$ 31 00
Sunday School	56 00
Total	\$ 87 00

ODESSA—H. S. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
Sunday School	130 00
Total	\$ 150 00

OXFORD—H. CLAY TURNER, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
Sabbath School	60 00
Total	\$ 80 00

POMONA—W. R. MOWBRAY, Pastor.

Bond Sunday School	\$ 70 00
Mowbray Sunday School	3 00
Churches	7 00
Total	\$ 80 00

QUEENSTOWN—J. W. FOGLE, Pastor.

Perry's Corner Church and Sunday School	\$ 19 00
Wye View Sunday School	4 00

Simpers Church and Sunday School	27 00
Queenstown Church and Sunday School	30 00
Total	\$ 80 00

ROCK HALL—ROBT. ROE, Pastor.

Church	18 00
Sunday School	82 00
Total	\$ 100 00

ROYAL OAK—JEREMIAH PASTORFIELD, Pastor.

Royal Oak Sunday School	8 00
Ferry Neck Sunday School	4 00
Total	\$ 12 00

ST. MICHAEL'S—S. J. MORRIS, Pastor.

Sunday School	233 00
Church	27 00
Total	\$ 260 00

SALEM & ZION—C. S. YORK, Pastor.

Sunday School	32 65
Church	7 35
Total	\$ 40 00

SASSAFRAS & MASSEY, F. E. McKINSEY, Pastor.

Dulaney School	12 00
Morris School	5 00
Massey School	7 00
Sassafras Church	5 00
Morris Church	4 00
Dulaney Church	3 00
Massey Church	4 00
Total	\$ 40 00

SMYRNA—W. W. WILSON, Pastor.

Asbury Church	327 00
“ Sunday School	281 00
Jerman Chapel Sunday School	12 00
Smyrna Landing “ “	20 00
Total	\$ 640 00

SMYRNA CIRCUIT—R. K. STEPHENSON, Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 38 00
“ School	27 00
Severson's Church	30 00
“ School	10 00
Clayton Church	50 00
“ School	20 00
Cheswold Church	34 00
“ School	10 00
Bay View School	3 00
Total	\$ 222 00

STILL POND—JOHN D. KEMP, Pastor.

Sunday School	160 00
Total	\$ 160 00

SUDLERSVILLE—E. C. MACNICHOL, Pastor.

Churches	20 00
Sunday Schools	80 00
Total	\$ 100 00

TALBOT—J. M. COLLINS, Pastor.

Churches	5 00
Sunday Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 25 00

TILGHMAN—JOHN D. LECATES, Pastor.

Chesapeake Sunday School	30 50
Choptank Sunday School	13 50
Churches	16 00
Total	\$ 16 00

TOWNSEND—FRANK FLETCHER, Pastor.

Church	40 00
Sunday School	40 00
Total	\$ 80 00

TRAPPE—G. S. CONAWAY, Pastor.

Churches	18 00
Schools	12 00
Total	\$ 30 00

UNION—J. B. MERRITT, Pastor.

Church	20 00
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WYE & STARR—J. H. GEOGHEGAN, Pastor.

Sunday School	34 00
Churches	46 00
Total	\$ 80 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

BECKWITH—W. F. DAWSON, Pastor.

Beckwith Church and Sunday School	45 00
Speddins Church and Sunday School	35 00
Total	\$ 80 00

BURRSVILLE—J. E. GRAHAM, Pastor.

Wesley School and Church	30 00
Sheppard's School and Church	15 00
White's Church and School	15 00
Thawley's Church	5 00
Total	\$ 65 00

CAMBRIDGE—J. H. HOWARD, Pastor.

Church	146 00
Sunday School	104 00
Total	\$ 250 00

CAMDEN—P. H. RAWLINS, Pastor.

Camden Sunday School	38 00
Lebanon Sunday School	21 00
Rising Sun	4 00
Self Denial	1 00
St. Jones	30 00
Self Denial	6 00
Total	\$ 100 00

CANNON—T. S. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Churches	80 00
Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 100 00

CHURCH CREEK—C. W. CLAPHAM, Pastor.

Church	46 00
School	4 00
Total	\$ 50 00

CRAPO—W. W. CHAIRES, Pastor.

Church	80 00
Sunday Schools	100 00
Total	\$ 180 00

DENTON—G. W. TOWNSEND, Pastor.

Denton Church	112 00
" Sunday School	15 00
Central Sunday School	25 00
Harris' Church	13 00
" Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$ 175 00

DORCHESTER—L. B. KIRBY, Pastor.

Wheatley Church	6 00
" Sunday School	9 85
Wilson Church	4 00
" Sunday School	4 13
Trinity Church	2 37
" Sunday School	4 14
Fletcher Sunday School	60
Airey's Sunday School	3 91
Total	\$ 35 00

DOVER, ARMORY—G. W. BOUNDS, Pastor.

Church,	10 00
Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$ 30 00

DOVER, WESLEY—W. L. S. MURRAY, Pastor.

Sunday School,	524 00
Church,	81 00
Total,	\$ 605 00

EAST NEW MARKET—A. BURKE, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 80 00
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ELLENDALE—L. T. McLAIN, Pastor.

Sunday School	15 00
Churches	35 00
Total	\$ 50 00

ELLIOT'S ISLAND—B. WHEATLY, Pastor.

Sunday School	20 00
Church	5 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Farmington—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Farmington Church	14 00
" Sunday School	25 00
Todd's Church	8 00
" Sunday School	3 00
Prospect Church	5 00
" Sunday School	10 00
Staytonville Church	5 00
" Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Federalburg—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 46 00
Church,	94 00
Total,	\$ 140 00

Felton—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 43 00
Church,	32 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Frederica—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Sunday School,	125 00
Church,	50 00
Total,	\$ 175 00

Galestown—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

Four Churches,	55 00
Galestown Sunday School,	16 00
Wesley Sunday School,	12 00
Cokesbury Sunday School	10 00
Woodland Sunday School,	7 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Georgetown—C. A. Grise, pastor.

Sunday School,	144 00
Church,	66 00
Total,	\$200 00

Georgetown Circuit—A. D. Davis, pastor.

Churches	15 00
Sunday Schools	10 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Greenwood—Aloysius Green, pastor.

Churches and School	150 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Harrington—R. T. Coursey, pastor.

Church	20 00
Sunday School	80 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Hooper Island—D. H. Willis, pastor.

Churches	13 00
Sunday Schools	12 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Houston—W. B. Guthrie, pastor.

Laws Church,	30 00
Millwood Church,	11 00
Millwood Sunday School,	5 00
Milford Neck Church,	20 00
Milford Neck Sunday School,	2 00
Houston Church,	82 00
Houston Sunday School,	10 00
Total,	\$ 160 00

Hurlock—M. D. Nutter, pastor.

Washington Church,	70 00
Washington Sunday School,	18 00
St. Paul's Church,	9 00
St. Paul's Sunday School,	3 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Lakesville—N. P. Johnson, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 20 00
Total,	\$ 20 00

Leipsic—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 30 00
School	5 00
Total	\$ 35 00

Lewes—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Church	\$ 119 00
Sunday School	131 00
Total	\$ 250 00

Lincoln—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 12 00
Sunday Schools	63 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Magnolia—W. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Magnolia Circuit and Sunday Schools	\$ 60 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Milford—R. Watt, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 304 00
Church	98 00
Total	\$ 402 00

Milton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50 00
Sunday School	105 00
Total	\$ 155 00

Preston—J. T. Sewell, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 45 00
Sunday Schools	15 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Nassau—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Connelly's Church	\$ 16 00
Sunday School	10 00
White's Church	21 59

Sunday School	18 00
Ebenezer Church	15 20
Sunday School	7 60
Zion Church	7 00
Sunday School	3 00
Friend of Mission	11 51
Total	\$ 110 00

Salem—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 7 00
Sunday School,	8 00
Total,	\$ 15 00

Seaford—W. E. England, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday School,	\$ 100 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Veinna—W. H. Benford, Pastor.

Churches and Schools,	\$ 35 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

Williamsburg—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Williamsburg Sunday School,	\$25 00
Kenney's Memorial Sunday School,	7 50
Nichols Sunday School,	3 60
Friendship Church,	18 00
Kenney's Church,	12 50
Nichols,	5 40
Total,	\$ 71 00

Williston—T. F. Tabler, Pastor.

Concord	\$ 40 00
Bloomery	25 00
Williston	13 00
Harmony	12 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Woodside—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 55 00
Sunday Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Wyoming—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Wyoming Sunday School	\$ 12 00
Union Sunday School	4 00
Wyoming Church	15 00
Total	\$ 31 00

SALISBURY.

Annamessex—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 25 00
Church,	30 00
Total,	\$ 55 00

Asbury—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 196 00
Sunday School,	204 00
Total,	\$ 400 00

Barren Creek Springs—E. Welch, Pastor.

Church and School,	\$ 2 00
Total,	\$ 2 00

Berlin—W. Jaggard, Pastor.

Berlin Church,	\$ 28 00
" School,	25 00
inepuxent Church,	13 00
" School,	5 00
Friendship Church,	4 00
" School,	5 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

Bethel—E. Davis, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 56 00
Sunday School,	9 00
Total,	\$ 65 00

Bishopville—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 44 00
Schools	56 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Cape Charles City—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 25 00
Church	5 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Chincoteague—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25 00
School	35 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Crisfield—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 172 00
Church	108 00
Total	\$ 280 00

Deal's Island—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25 00
Sunday Schools	275 00
Total	\$ 300 00

Delmar—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 200 00
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Fairmount—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Christ Church	\$ 13 00
“ Sunday School	474 00
Union Church	25 00
“ Sunday School	93 00
Fishing Island Sunday School	40 00
Self Denial for Charge	25 00
Total	\$ 670 00

Frankford—Chas. P. Swain, Pastor.

St. Georges Sunday School	\$ 45 00
“ Church	20 00
Frankford Sunday School	35 00
“ Church	25 00
Houston Sunday School	5 00
“ Church	5 00
Total	\$ 135 00

Fruitland—Thos. N. Given, Pastor.

From Churches	\$ 45 00
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Girdletree—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 75 00
Churches	35 00
Total	\$ 110 00

Gumboro—Julius A. Brewington, Pastor.

Gumboro Sunday School	\$ 17 18
“ Church	17 82
Bethel Sunday School	3 60
“ Church	9 40
Carey's Sunday School	3 77
“ Church	6 90
West's Woods Sunday School	2 71
“ “ Church	11 15
Additional Contribution	2 47
Total	\$ 75 00

Holland's Island—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church	\$ 70 00
Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Laurel—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church	\$ 21 00
Sunday School	222 00
Total	\$ 243 00

Millsboro—J. Carroll, Pastor.

Millsboro Church	\$ 30 00
“ Sunday School	7 25
Unity Church	18 03
Central Church	14 00
Dagsboro Church	14 00
“ Sunday School	2 72
Total	\$ 86 00

Mt. Pleasant—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25 00
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Mt. Vernon—Jas. T. Prouse, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 30 00
John Wesley School	30 00
Asbury School	20 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Nanticoke—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Jones' Church,	\$ 30 00
“ Sunday School,	20 00
Trinity Church,	30 00
“ Sunday School,	30 00
White Haven Church and Sunday School,	40 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

Newark—Wm. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Congregations and Sunday Schools,	\$ 50 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

New Church—L. E. Pool, Pastor.

Graham's Chapel,	\$ 7 00
Pittsville,	3 00
Hallwood,	3 00
Total	\$ 13 00

Onancock—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Onancock Church	\$ 66 00
“ Sunday School	28 00
Leatherbury's Chapel	12 00
“ Sunday School	18 00
Ayer's Chapel	20 00
“ Sunday School	6 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Parksley—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

Parksley Church	\$ 5 00
“ Sunday School	7 00
Crowsontown Church	11 00
Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 28 00

Parsonsbury—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Church	\$ 26 00
Sunday School	49 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Pocomoke—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Cokesbury Sunday School	\$ 10 00
“ Church	20 00
Other Churches	5 00
Total	\$ 35 00

Pocomoke City—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
Sunday School	80 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Powellville—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

St. John's Church and Sunday School	\$ 13 00
Friendship Church and Sunday School	12 00
Wango Church and Sunday School	5 00
Mt. Pleasant Church and Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$ 40 00

Princess Anne—C. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Bible Class	\$ 7 04
Mrs. Costen's Class	5 04
Miss Jennie Colgan's Class	3 83
Mrs. Smith's Class	5 07
Mr. Dennis' Class	3 42
Mrs. Fisher's Class	6 44
Miss Lankford's Class	9 55
Miss Sheppard's Class	13 86
Miss Smith's Class	5 18
Church	15 57
Total	\$ 75 00

Quantico—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Rockawalking Church and School,	\$ 40 00
Quantico,	10 00
Mills,	5 00
Messicks,	8 00
Total	\$ 63 00

Quindocqua—Van P. Northrup.

Church,	\$ 21 00
Sunday School,	34 00
Total	\$ 55 00

Roxanna—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Roxana,	\$ 65 00
Bethel,	50 00
Sound,	20 00
Total,	\$ 135 00

St. Peter's—Warren Burr, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church and School,	\$ 200 00
Bethel " "	32 00
St. Stephen's Chapel,	57 00
Burr's Chapel,	21 00
Total,	\$ 310 00

Salisbury—C. A. Hill, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 111 00
" Sunday School	209 00
Total	\$ 320 00

Selbyville—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

School	\$ 40 00
Church	10 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Sharptown—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	40 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Smith's Island—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Smith's Island Church	\$ 113 00
Northend School	55 00
Drumpoint School	50 00
Roads-point School	22 00
Total	\$ 240 00

Snow Hill—J. O. Sypherd, Pastor.

Church	\$ 17 00
Sunday School	118 00
Total	\$ 135 00

Somerset—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Rock Creek Sunday School	\$ 50 00
" Church	5 00
Dames Quarter Sunday School	50 00
Total	\$ 105 00

Stockton—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Stockton Church	\$ 7 00
" Sunday School	25 00
Franklin Church	17 00
" Sunday School	15 00
Remson Sunday School	11 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Tangier—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 43 00
Main Sunday School,	320 00
Upper " "	23 00
Total,	\$ 386 00

Westover—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Westover Sunday School,	\$ 6 00
Church,	4 00
Mt. Olive Sunday School,	5 00
Bosman Sunday School,	3 00
Church	2 00
Rehoboth Church	5 00
Total,	\$ 25 00

Whitesville Circuit—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church	\$ 125 00
Sunday School	15 00
Total	\$ 140 00

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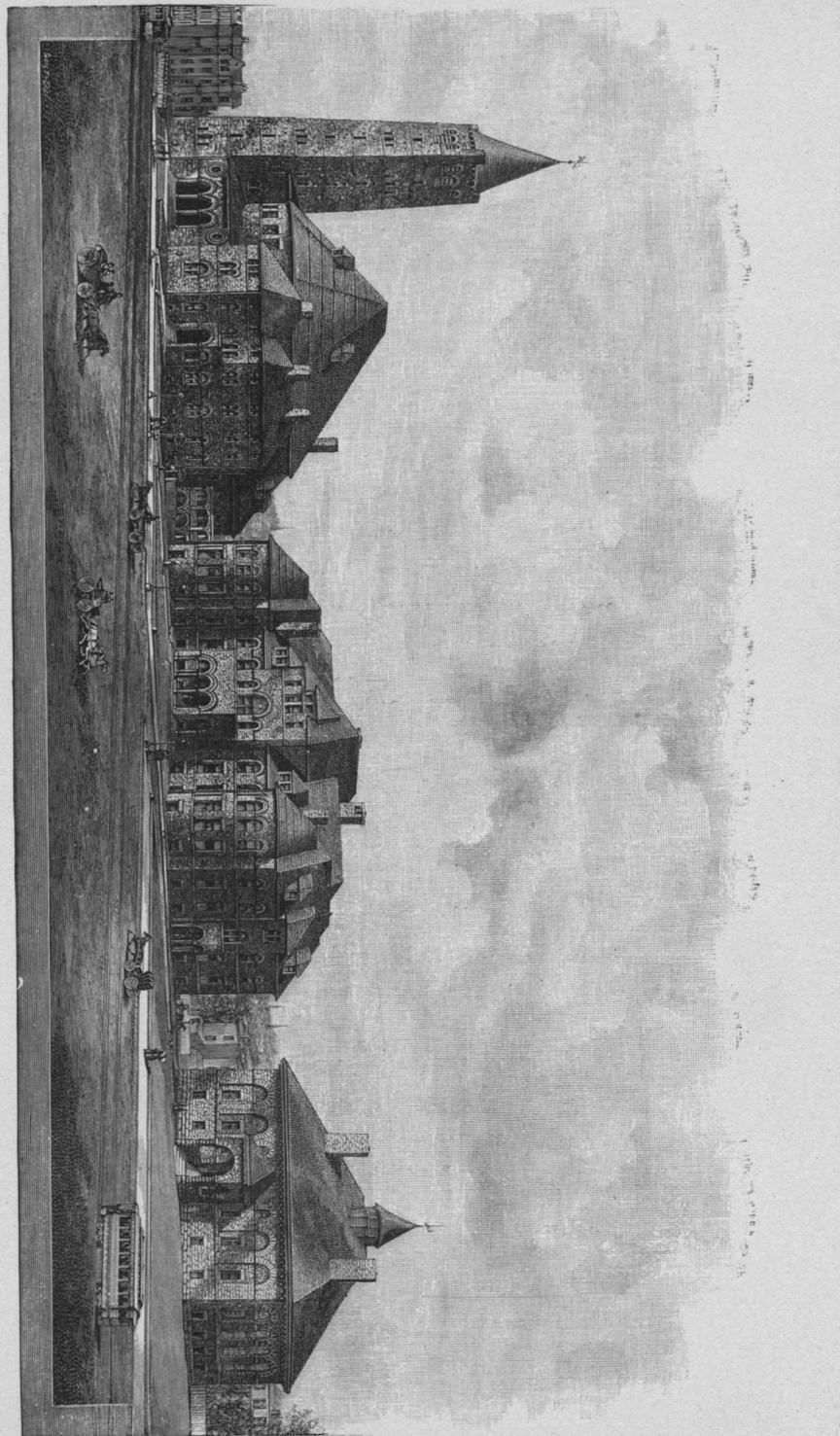
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